WEATHER.

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LETTER FROM 'A. CURTIS' GIVEN AS PRINCIPAL 'EVIDENCE' THAT 'LEAK' ON PEACE NOTE EXISTED

Was Written on Plain Paper, No Address Given, and "Mr. Curtis" Not Yet Found

MR. WOOD EXPOSES RUMORS

Secretary Tumulty and President's Brother-in-Law Mentioned as Knowing of "Leak"

BOTH DENY THE REPORTS

Tumulty Demands Apology From the Indiana Congressman

Washington, Jan. 5.—Sensational rumors of a "leak" to Wall Street in advance of President Wilson's peace note were related to the House Rules committee today by Representative Wood, of Indiana, in support of his resolution for an inquiry. He prefaced his testimony with the statement that he had nothing but hearsay evidence to offer and vainly protested against an open session of the committee.

Names and rumored details of the alleged "leak" came thick and fast when Mr. Wood began his story. He mentioned Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson; R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of the President; Bernard Baruch, of New York, and various brokerage houses, crediting most of his information to a letter received from "A. Curtis," of New York. This letter, produced later, was written on plain paper, without the writer's address, and up to a late hour tonight Kenneth Romney, deputy sergeant-at-arms of the House, in New York searching for A. Curtis, had been unable to find any trace of him.

Tumulty Demands Apology.

Statements were issued after the committee meeting by Secretary Tumulty and Mr. Bolling flatly denying the reports regarding them, and Mr. Tumulty demanded that Representative Wood publicly apologize for mentioning his name. Mr. Wood followed with a statement pointing out that he desired to testify in private, but that those whose names were the subject of rumor should court the fullest investigation. Tomorrow the committee probably will hear Representative Gardner, who declared on the floor of the House recently that he knew there was a "leak." Monday Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, is to appear and if he can be reached Bernard Baruch will be subpoenaed.

It is understood that Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty will be asked to testify before the committee decides upon its report to the House on whether the Wood resolution, providing for an investigation by a special committee, should pass.

The committee adopted a resolution asking the New York Stock Exchange and local brokers to preserve their records of transactions from December 10 to date. Whether any of these records shall be sought as evidence will be decided later.

Tumulty Issues Second Statement.

After reading all of Mr. Wood's testimony, Secretary Tumulty tonight issued a second statement, saying:

"All I have to say is that as a gentleman not less than a representative in Congress, Mr. Wood owes me a public apology."

Representative Wood told the committee he had been informed that "Barney Baruch had information about the note to the European belligerents two or three days before it was sent and that on two or three occasions at about that time he was in consultation with Mr. Tumulty at the Biltmore hotel in New York."

Representative Bennett, of New York, a member of the committee, said on the House floor Wednesday that Baruch was reported in New York to have sold short 15,000 shares of steel on a rising market shortly before the note was made public.

Congressman Wood's Testimony.

Wood testified he had been informed that on Wednesday, December 20, which was prior to publication of the note, a confidential telegram had been sent by R. W. McKinnon, of Thompson & McKinnon, brokers, of Chicago, to Ralph H. Hartley, manager of their branch at Oshkosh, Wis., advising him that the President would have a message of importance soon and that he should advise friends and patrons of his office to sell short on stocks. S. B. Friday, of Oshkosh, was named by Wood as his informant.

Representative Wood requested that Otto Kuhn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, New York, be subpoenaed and interrogated regarding what advance infor-

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Senate Votes Approval of the President's Request That the Warring Nations Discuss Peace

Jones Substitute Resolution Accepted and Passed, 48 to 17, the Progressives Voting With the Democrats—Senator Lewis Springs Sensation in Stating That a Continuation of War in Europe Will Embroil This Country.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Approval of President Wilson's request for a statement of peace terms from the Eurdpean belligerents was voted tonight by the Senate at the conclusion of three days of stirring debate. Action came with dramatic suddenness when Democratic leaders decided to accept a form of resolution that would not commit the Senate to endorsement of the whole of the President's note and ten Republicans of the Progressive group joined the majority in making the vote of 48 to 17.

Senator Martine, of New Jersey, was the only Democrat to vote in the negative.

Lewis Springs Sensation.

Discussion of the subject had reached a climax during the day with a sensational declaration by Senator Lewis, chief spokesman for Democrats, in reply to Republican criticism of the President's course. Without referring directly to the submarine controversy the senator said the United States could not keep out of the war if it continued and that America would not again accept misconception of orders or zeal of an officer as an excuse for an inquiry to a citizen or property.

The chief objection against the original resolution offered by Senator Hitchcock was that it would endorse the President's offer to join in a movement to guarantee world peace and his declaration of the interest of the United States in small nations. Progressive Republicans joined Senator Lodge and others in this contention.

Jones Resolution Adopted

The resolution adopted was proposed by Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington, and was accepted by Senator Hitchcock as a substitute for his own. It resolves:

"That the Senate approves and strongly endorses the request by the President in the diplomatic note of December 18th to the nations now engaged in war, that those nations state the terms upon which peace might be discussed."

The compromise ended debate when it appeared certain that action would be deferred until tomorrow, and soon after Senator Borah had begun a vigorous speech against the resolution. There had been startling assertions from both sides of the chamber during the day, though none attracted such attention as that of Senator Lewis in closing the argument for the Hitchcock resolution.

Would Involve America.

"Let me say on my own authority," said Senator Lewis, "that I agree with the sentiment expressed from any quarter, the Secretary of State or any one else (referring to Secretary Lansing's first explanation of the President's note to the powers) that this war cannot continue without America being involved in the conflict.

"Do you feel that the people of this nation are in such temper that they can ever again allow any commander of ships, any captain of army, any officer of diplomacy, to visit upon this country an injury to a citizen or property and escape on an excuse of misconception of orders or zeal of an officer?

"If these conditions again be repeated, America will not again accept that form of apology and will recent and punish to the full extent of her power No amount of logic or pacification would prevail.

"I say continuance of the war means war with the United States, and in this I have never a doubt of the comprehension of the United States and faith in the sagacious foresight of the officials of the administration, in the effort looking to bringing about peace with Europe that we might maintain peace in America."

Borah Attacks Hitchcock Resolution

Senator Borah, attacking the Hitchcock resolution, said that in his judgment the United States by approving the President's note would bind itself in the future with European nations to protect the integrity and security of smaller European nations and that if this meant anything at all it meant that the Army and Navy of this nation must be at the disposal of any world combination the war's end might see, to give this protection.

The Hitchcock resolution read as follows:

"That the Senate approves and strongly endorses the action taken by the President in sending the diplomatic notes 18 to the nations now engaged in war, suggesting and recommending that those nations state the terms upon which peace might be discussed."

The Vote as Cast.

The vote follows:

Ayes—Democrats: Bankhead, Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Fletcher, Hardwick, Hitchcock, Hollis, Hughes, Johnson (South Dakota), Kern Kirby, Lane, Lee, Lewis, Martin, Newlands, Overman, Pittman, Pomorene, Ransdell, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shafroth, Sheppard, Shield, Simmons, Smith (Arizona), Smith (Georgia), Smith (South Carolina), Stone, Swanson, Thomas, Tillman, Underwood, Vardaman, Walsh.—38.

Republicans: Borah, Clapp, Cummins, Curtis, Jones, Kenyon, Lippitt, Norris, Sterling, Townsend.—10.

Total ayes, 48.

Nays—Republicans: Brady, Brandegee, Clark, Gallinger, Harding, Lodge, McCumber, Nelson, Page, Poindexter, Sherman, Smoot, Wadsworth, Watson, Weeks, Works.—16.

Democrat: Martine.—1.

Total nays, 17.

VILLA DEFEATED WITH A LOSS OF 1,500 MEN

Jimenez Is Reported Captured By the Defacto Forces.

Bandit Chief Said to Have Personally Led the Attack Against the Forces Under General Francisco Murguia.

Chihuahua City, Jan. 5.—Villa was defeated at Jiminez yesterday by Gen. Francisco Murguia with a loss of 1,500 rebel dead, wounded and captured. Martin Lopez, a rebel leader, and another Villa general were among the slain, according to an official report tonight from the Carranza commander. Villa was said to be fleeing toward El Ville.

General Murguia stated that his command pushed back Villa's troops five miles after coming into contact. Machine guns are credited with playing an important part in the offensive, in which both cavalry and infantry were heavily engaged. Villa, according to the report, personally led repeated cavalry attacks against Murguia's infantry which were checked with heavy losses.

Besides Villa's heavy losses in men, horses, ammunition, arms and other war material, General Murguia claims the recovery of many carloads of loot brought by the Villa troops from Torseon. Government cavalry is said to have killed about 50 members of Villa's body guard, which is protecting him in his escape by automobile. General Murguia advised his subordinates here that he intends to keep up a hot pursuit as Villa's forces are badly disorganized.

NEWLANDS COMMITEE IS TO BE CONTINUED

Resolution Favorably Reported to Both Senate and House

Democratic Leaders Believe It Will Be Passed Without Serious Opposition—Would Extend Committee Until December.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Extension of the life of the Newlands joint railroad committee until the convening of the Sixty-fifth Congress next December without an additional appropriation, was agreed to today by Administration leaders in Congress and the necessary provision was embodied in a joint resolution favorably reported by both the Senate and House Commerce committee.

The joint committee, created at the last session to investigate the whole subject of railway control, would expire under the present law next Monday. A proposal to extend it for one year and to appropriate for retention as a salaried member of Representative Cullop, of Indiana, who retires from Congress March 4, was blocked in the House yesterday by Republican objection.

Democratic leaders believe the resolution reported today as a substitute will be passed without serious opposition.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES URGE CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE

New York, January 5.—The railway executives advisory committee, in a statement issued here tonight, urged

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BRAILA CAPTURED BY THE FORCES OF TEUTONIC ALLIES

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Rumanian Province of Dobrudja Now is Wholly in the Hands of Central Powers

HAVE CONTROL OF DANUBE

British and French Premiers Arrive at Rome to Confer With the Italian Ministry

The Rumanian province of the Dubrudja now is in the hands of the Central powers, whose armies continue to advance through Great Wallachia into Moldavia.

Braila, an important commercial city in Great Wallachia and on the west bank of the Danube below Galatza, has been captured by German and Bulgarian troops. Several villages on the outskirts of Braila also have been occupied and Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have taken 1,400 prisoners in their latest success.

Teutons Control the Danube

Virtually all of the river Danube from its sources to its mouth now is in the hands of the Teutonic forces who control all of eastern bank and all but a few miles of the western bank. Galitza, 12 miles north of Braila, is the only important Rumanian town on the Danube yet in Rumanian hands. The clearing of the Dobrudja by the combined Bulgarian, Turkish and German forces, it is reported semi-officially from Berlin, leaves a larger part of those forces ready for other employment and closes to Russia the Dobrudja pathway to Constantinople.

Advance in Moldavia.

Advancing through the mountains in western Moldavia, Austro-German troops have gained additional ground and have captured several hundred prisoners.

Between Rimnik-Sarat and Fokshani Von Mackensen's men continue to progress and have occupied the towns of Slobozia and Rotesti. The Russians and Rumanians, Petrograd announces, repulsed attacks at some points on the Moldavian front and near Toposchik and Norucha the Austro-Germans gained ground.

Austro-German troops have taken an island in the Dvina river north of Dvinsk, from the Russians. Attacks by the Russians, Berlin states, in attempts to regain the island, were repulsed with heavy losses. Elsewhere on the eastern front there have been patrol engagements.

On Western Front.

Small raids and isolated attacks have taken place at various points on the western front. Near Loos, Berlin announces, the Germans carried out a raid successfully. London states the raiders were driven out after heavy fighting. A German attack against a small French post near Hill 304 east of the Meuse in the Verdun region was repulsed. Elsewhere there have been artillery activity and trench bombardments. Both Paris and London report considerable aerial activity on the front in France.

Conference at Rome.

Premiers Lloyd-George of Great Britain and Briand of France have arrived in Rome for a conference with the Italian ministry on the general situation. They were accompanied by other members of the British and French war councils. A representative of the Russian general staff also is expected to take part in the consultations.

Hood Very Much A Candidate In 1918

3RD DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN HAS NO THOUGHT OF RETIRING AT END OF PRESENT TERM, VOLUNTARILY OR OTHERWISE

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Congressman George E. Hood authorized The Star correspondent today to deny the story printed from New Bern saying that he would not be a candidate for re-election to Congress two years hence. Mr. Hood is very much of a candidate for re-election.

Like most other congressman, he likes the atmosphere in Washington and if he lives he will be a candidate for re-election two years from now.

"I am very much surprised to hear that I am not to be a candidate to succeed myself in Congress," said Mr. Hood today. "No one has authority to say that I will not be a candidate. I will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination two years hence, and I believe the people of my district will return me to Congress."

Mr. Hood has made a very favorable impression here with his colleagues and other leaders in Congress. He is a member of one of the biggest committees of the House—Public Buildings and Grounds—and other smaller committees, and has done good work in many ways.

He is a hard worker and has attended to his duties well. His friends here hope that he will be returned to Congress for many years to come. P.R.A.

CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S SUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA IS DROPPED

Repudiated Bond Case to Have Been Argued Before U. S. Supreme Court Next Week Will be Stricken From Records, Following Cable to Cuban Minister From Havana—Tar Heels Elated Over Senator Overman's Diplomatic Triumph

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Dr. Chas. Manuel Cespedes, Cuban minister to Washington, formally notified Senator Lee Slater Overman today that the Republic of Cuba had revoked the decree allowing certain people in Cuba to sue the State of North Carolina on the repudiated carpet-bag bonds, and the case which was to have been heard in the United States Supreme Court Monday will be stricken from the records—dropped for once and all time.

Too much credit can not be given Senator Overman, of North Carolina, for settling this great suit. But for the senator's resolution calling for an investigation and his forceful speech delivered in the Senate this week, the suit would have been pressed and had the court decided against the State, other suits would have followed which would have aggregated something like $43,000,000 and interest.

When Minister Cespedes read what Senator Overman said about the suit he sent for the North Carolina senator to call at his residence. He said the Republic of Cuba had been grossly imposed upon and urged him to delay action on his resolution until he could cable his government. Senator Overman was willing to do this and today Minister Cespedes received a cable from Cuba advising him that the decree had been revoked and that the suit would be dropped.

The cablegram from the Cuban government, which by the way is a long one, is now being translated by clerks in the Cuban legation, and a full and complete copy will be delivered to Senator Overman tomorrow or Monday. At the same time it is expected that Dr. Cespedes will give Senator Overman information, indeed, if not the name or names of the gentlemen who have been peddling the bonds.

At today's conference between Dr. Cespedes and Senator Overman, however, the only information as to who had turned the bonds over to the Cubans was that they came through the New York Repudiated bond committee. Just who is responsible for this committee having the bonds will make interesting reading also.

There was great joy around the Capitol today when it was learned that North Carolina had again won against the bond peddlers. Much apprehension had been felt here that the Supreme Court would decide against the State, though the brief filed by Attorney General Bickett is considered a master stroke. Anyhow, a sigh of relief went up among the delegation when they learned that through the diplomacy of Senator Overman, the whole question had been settled and at the same time other countries have been given notice that no reputable country desires to

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TEUTONS FREE TO GO TO NEW FRONTS

German Critic Says Larger Part of Force in Dobrudja Has Completed Its Task

RUSSIANS ARE ENTRAPPED

Fragments of Defeated Army Driven Into Neck of Land Three Kilometers Wide and Eight Kilometers Long.

Berlin Jan. 5. (via Sayville.)—The larger part of the forces of the Central Powers which have been fighting in the Dobrudja now are free for other employment, and any Russian plan to reach Constantinople by going through the Dobrudja can be considered to have failed, writes the military critic of the Overseas News Agency, in reviewing the military situation. The critic says:

"Jijila and Matchin, where the Russians offered desperate resistance, have been stormed by German and Bulgarian troops and the fragments of the defeated Russian units have been driven into a neck of land three kilometers wide and eight kilometers long while there is only one road which leads to the Danube. Because of the lakes and swampy ground in this district, all further resistance must be considered hopeless.

"By this last victory all of the Dobrudja, aggregating 11,000 square kilometers, has fallen into the hands of the central powers. The troops under General Sakharoff, and the rapidly concentrated cavalry divisions, after a little more than a fortnight of bloody battles, have been driven northward a distance of seventy kilometers and beyond the Danube by the irresistable Bulgarian, Turkish and German troops.

"A defense of the Dobrudja against a new Russian irruption is easy since on the north it is covered by the broad swampy district of the lower Danube and on the east by the Danube delta and the Black sea.

"Any Russian plan to obtain Constantinople on the road through the Dobrudja can be considered to have failed forever. The larger part of the forces of the Central Powers in Dobrudja now are free for other employment.

"Since the middle of December the Entente has been on the defensive everywhere. Anglo-French activity on the western front has been limited mostly to artillery fire. The offensive on the Macedonian front has been deadlocked since the occupation of Monastir."

EARTHQUAKE ON FORMOSA ISLAND KILLS 300 PEOPLE

Tokio, Jan. 5.—Three hundred persons have been killed and many injured in a disastrous earthquake in central Formosa, according to special dispatches from Taihoku, the capital of Formosa. It is estimated that one thousand houses have been destroyed. The city of Nanto has been damaged extensively by fire.

The Island of Formosa lies between the Philippine Islands and Japan and is owned by Japan.

REPORT OF NEW NOTE ARE DENIED

President Wilson Authorizes the Statement That None Is Under Contemplation

NO FOUNDATION TO RUMORS

Central Powers Reported Preparing Note to Entente Enumerating the Precise Conditions for Declaring Peace

Washington, Jan. 5.—The State Department today authorized the statement that President Wilson was not contemplating sending another peace note. Counselor Polk gave out the following statement:

"The report that the President is preparing to send a new note to the belligerent powers is false and without any foundation. The President has no second note in contemplation."

Following the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing announced that President Wilson had authorized him to say that the American government had no other note in contemplation and that such information was being sent to all American diplomatic representatives abroad.

Secretary Lansing would not discuss the question further, but it was understood that the reason for the announcement was apprehension on the part of the administration that reports that another note would be sent would affect the Entente reply to the President's first note, expected here in the near future.

TEUTONS TO ENUMERATE PEACE TERMS TO ALLIES?

Paris Jan. 5.—The Central Powers are reported by the Lausanne Gazette to be preparing a second note to the Enete enumeratin the precise conditions of peace, says a Geneva dispatch to the Temps.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY TO ISSUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Plan Recommended by Directors is Approved by Stockholders.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 5.—Stockholders of the Southern Railway company, in meeting here today, approved a plan recommended by the board of directors for the creation by the company of a new refunding and improvement mortgage, including proposed exchange of refunding and improvement mortgage 4 1-2 per cent bonds for outstanding development and general mortgage 4 per cent. bonds surrendered by the holders for that purpose in accordance with the the plan, which provides for the deposit of such development and general mortgage 4 per cent. bonds with the Bankers Trust Company, depository, New York City. Objection was made by C. H. Venner, of New York, a stockholder, who, at the beginning of the meeting, made a motion to adjourn, which was defeated on a vote of 1,286,100 shares to 700 shares.

BRAILA WAS RUMANIA'S CHIEF COMMERCIAL CITY.

Berlin, Jan. 5, (via Sayville)—Braila, Rumania's chief commercial city, has been captured by the Germans and Bulgarians, according to the official announcement made this evening.

BOARD OF CONTROL FOR INSTITUTIONS OF STATE PROPOSED

Senate Would Name Committee to Consider Advisability of "Board of Appropriations"

PENDER FREE RANGE KILLED

Legislature Handling Flood of Local Bills With Dispatch, Keeping Calendar Clear

(By W. J. MARTIN).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—Senator Brenizer, of Mecklenburg, contributed to the legislative hopper today one of the most significant and important resolutions yet offered at this session, involving the State's financial policy as to the management of its State institutions. It would be supplemental to the Oates resolution passed yesterday for a special committee to investigate as to the advisability of creating a central State purchasing agent or board.

Mr. Brenizer would have this committee to also investigate and report as to the advisability of "the creation and establishment of a special board of appropriations to which all applications for appropriations by the institutions and departments of State shall be made and which shall make such recommendations in regard to such applications as it may deem proper; and also upon the advisability of the creation and establishment of a State board of control with powers to supervise all State institutions. If this committee decides to report favorably upon the advisability of such agency or board, then it shall draw bills for such purpose and report them to this session."

The Brenizer resolution passed all its readings in the Senate without opposition and was sent to the House.

Pender Free Range Fight.

One little local bill to put Pender county immediately back into free range condition this afternoon stirred a tremendous hearing before the legislative committee and come in finally for unfavorable report which assures its defeat. It had already passed the House before a hundred or more citizens of Pender raided the legislators with "save Pender" badges.

The hearing consumed all afternoon in a crowded Senate chamber. Senator Burnett, who earnestly favored the bill, pleaded in vain that his people by nearly two to one wanted to be rid of the stock law. The delegation for stock law was headed by C. E. McCullen.

McCullen insisted that the owners of 75 per cent. of the property in the county wanted to retain the stock law and that all were wholly unprepared to revert to free range now. In the end there was an executive session of the committee, Long, of Alamance, chairman, and the unfavorable report.

Representative Scott was certain "these stock laws" had done a great injustice to the people. Ex-Senator Hall next spoke against the Scott repealing act while the delegation stormed and applauded. In the campaign recently closed the free range people argued that they would not have to fence in their property.

"Did you ever hear of me making any such argument?" asked Mr. Scott.

"No," laughed Mr. McCullen. "I never had the pleasure of hearing you make an argument at all." The Pender delegates shouted.

Mr. McCullen challenged Mr. Scott to submit the issues to a vote. "We'll clean you up, and you know it," Mr. McCullen told him. There were numerous speakers. It would seem that Pender is assured of retaining her stock law.

Many Local Bills Passed.

This was a day devoted principally to the passage of little local bills to get ahead of the constitutional amendments. Many were introduced and many more were passed. The calendars are being kept well up and few are being held up for any cause.

Altogether about 400 bills have been introduced in the two houses and are in process of enactment. Three-fourths of them originated in the House.

Lieutenant Governor-elect Gardner, who is electing the Senate committees, named James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem as chairman of the finance committee, and he is organizing for a careful administration of the committee work, the most important of the Assembly. Others of this committee are: Scales, Holderness, Matheson, Warren, Blue, Everett, McNider, Gough, Johnson, Person, Tucker, Pollock and Deweese.

East Carolina Bills

East Carolina bills introduced today were:

Davenport—Amend Roper charter; Establish county seat for Washington county.

Gough— Regulate annual amendments by Lumberton authorities.

Bills passed final reading included: Amend Hope Mills school laws; Authorize Currituck bonds; Road bonds for Sampson; Roads and bridges in Robeson, with special tax; Jufstices of the peace for Pender; Amend Lumberton's charter; Economical disbursements in Robeson; Amend Sampson's road law; Justices for Brunswick; Amend Perquimans' road law.

Grantham—Amend Harnett recorder's court act.

Oliver—Change the name of Whitehouse township. Amend compost act for Craven county.

Grant—Relief of sheriff of Onslow.

Joyner—Relating to dog tax in Northampton.

Ward—Amend charter of Clinton.

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

John J. Barry To Manage Red Sox

SECOND BASEMAN OF BOSTON AMERICANS ACCEPTS—LENGTH OF SERVICE NOT AGREED UP. ON LAST NIGHT.

Worcester Mass., Jan. 5.—John J. Barry, second baseman of the Boston Americans, tonight accepted the management of that team succeeding William Carrigan.

Harry S. Frazee, president of the Boston Americans, said Barry had accepted. The contract will be drawn up tomorrow. Its duration has not been fixed but Mr. Frazee said that he would let Barry "sign for any number of years within reason" and that he would be the sole manager with the privilege of choosing his own assistants.

Before announcing his acceptance, Barry made it known that he desired to continue to play at the second base position, and President Frazee granted his request. Barry was captain of the team last year. The amount of his salary as manager was not made public tonight.

Plans for the spring training trip will be made at a conference between Mr. Frazee and Hugh J. Ward, the owners of the club, and Manager Barry tomorrow. The team will train at Hot Springs, Ark., and play a series of exhibition games before the opening of the league season.

DISMISSES PETITIONS OF THE BASEBALL PLAYERS

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The National Baseball Commission today dismissed the petitions of the baseball players' fraternity. Of the four concessions asked for by the fraternity, the commission held that three of them did not refer in any way to major leagues and therefore held that they were internal affairs of the National Association and could come before the commission only on appeal. The other concession, the one asking that "a clause in the players' contract empowering clubs to suspend without pay, after certain periods of disability, players who are injured in service, be elliminated and that such players be entitled to full pay as long as they are held under contract," was also dismissed.

BURNS AFTER HANSON

Greensboro Man Sends Challenge Through The Star

Frank Burns, a middleweight wrestler of Greensboro, is anxious to tackle Fritz Hanson in Wilmington between January 7th and 27th, according to a communication received from him by The Star last night.

Burns states that he is originally from Flint, Mich., and has beaten all the best men of his weight in that section of the country, and is now on the trail of the Southern cracks. He expresses himself as being willing to let the local man make the terms. He can be reached through the general delivery at Greensboro.

SPINNERS AGREED TO DIVIDE UP THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY?

This Is Charged By Mr. Heflin In Review of Cotton Situation

Washington, Jan. 5.—An agreement between American and foreign spinners to divide the Southern territory was charged by Representative Heflin in a speech on the cotton situation in the House today. Mr. Heflin painted a gloomy picture of boll weevil conditions and said the 1916 crop would show the supply to be 3,500,000 bales short of the demand. He urged producers, merchants and bankers to stand together and hold the remainder of this year's crop for still higher prices.

JOHN OLIN GAVE EXHIBITION

Hjalmar Lundin and Fritz Hanson Substituted For Youssouf Hassen When Turk Failed to Appear.

Hjalmar Lundin and Fritz Hanson were substituted for Youssouf Hassen, to tackle John Olin, heavyweight champion of the world, at Woolvin Hall last night, when Hassen failed to appear. The champion won two falls from Lundin, taking the first with a flying headlock in 28 1-2 minutes, and the second with a half Nelson, and wrist lock in 11 1-4 minutes. He also took one fall from Hanson, in 16 1-2 minutes with a half Nelson and body lock.

Hassen wired Hanson yesterday afternoon that he would arrive on the 6 o'clock train from New York. The train was nearly two hours late, and Fritz searched hotels and station after its arrival, in an effort to locate the "Terrible Turk."

At 9 o'clock when it became apparent that Hassen would not be present, Hanson had Referee McGurley to announce that if the spectators were willing, Lundin would take on Olin best two out of three, and that he (Hanson) would try one fall with the champion between times. He gave the crowd the alternative of seeing a substitute match, or getting their money refunded at the box office, and not a man left the hall.

While Lundin was no match for Olin in point of strength, he was considerably the more skilful of the two, and had the champion distanced in point of speed. He agily slipped from a number of dangerous holds, but at no time did he have Olin in danger. The champion broke through his holds easily, and surely. After 28 minutes Olin took a flying headlock and pined Lundin's shoulders to the mat.

Fritz Hanson brought the spectators to their feet when he waded into the giant champion and put him on the defensive for a few moments. With the agility of a cat, the local man ducked about the huge Finn, and then electrified the crowd by hurling him to the floor. Olin's superior weight and strength told in the end, however, and after breaking several holds, Hanson succumbed to a half Nelson and body lock in a fraction over 15 minutes.

After this fall, Olin announced through Referee McGurley, that Hanson was a "great little fellow, best he had ever seen."

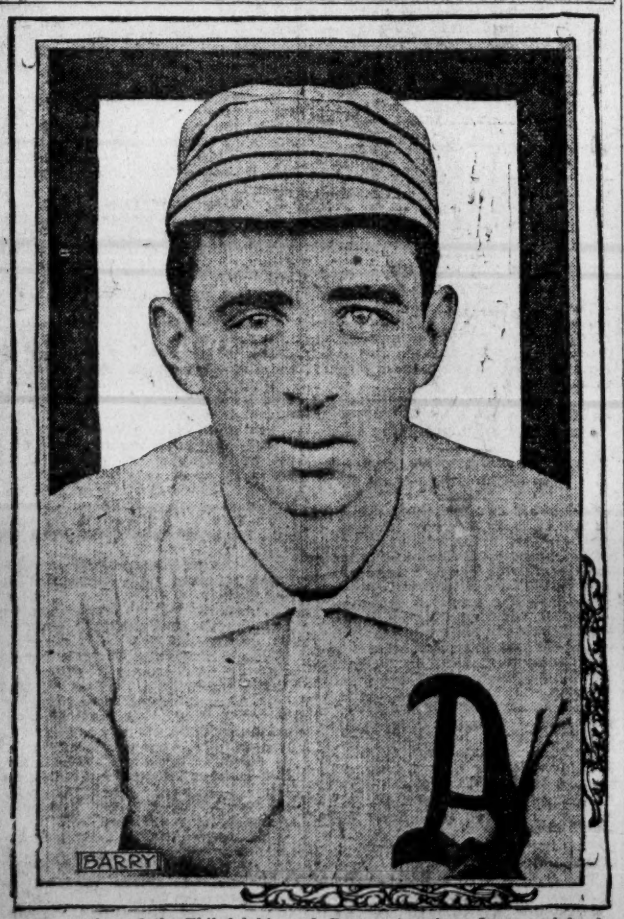
The second fall between the two heavyweights was a fast and furious struggle with youth and brawn on one side, and age and science on the other. Lundin put up a beautiful struggle, but youth would not be denied and the champion won his third successive fall of the evening, in barely 11 minutes.

It was announced at the close of the match that Champion Olin would meet Tommy Draak, "the Flying Dutchman," at Woolvin Hall Monday night. This should prove a mat battle of more than usual interest. Draak is always spectacular, always good, and always in trim. There is no doubt in the minds of local enthusiasts that it will be a contest worth seeing.

Lundin made a brief talk last night between falls, and narrated some of the adventures that he and Hanson encountered among the European matmen, when they toured the continent in 1907-08. He told of some of the big men whom Fritz had defeated in the old country. During the course of his remarks, the Scandinavian champion went on record as being opposed to side bets.

Both the champion and Lundin favorably impressed the local followers by their clean methods. Olin was handicapped in understanding the referee's instructions by the fact that he speaks very little English. Lundin frequently was called on to act as interpreter.

SECON DBASEMAN BARRY TO MANAGE RED SOX



As member of the Philadelphia and Boston American League clubs he has figured in six world's series.

BOARD OF CONTROL FOR INSTITUTIONS OF STATE PROPOSED

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Roll call bills passed included:

Tax for six months school in Bladen; Road tax for Bladen; Additional road bonds for Sampson; Special tax for Currituck; Special tax for Brunswick; School bonds by Farmington; Facilitate collection of back taxes in Wilmington; Empower New Bern to control wharves and docks; Protect Bertie game: Restore county treasurer in Bertie; Abolish recorder's court in Richmond.

Included in a great number of bills that passed the House tonight were:

Amend the laws as to Elizabeth City graded schools; Amend charter of Weldon & Roanoke Rapids Railway; Amend law as to Currituck county recorder's court; Justice for Beaufort; Game commissioner for Currituck; Empower Brunswick townships to subscribe to stock in the S. & S. Railroad.

New Wilmington Bills

New bills included:

Grant—Relating to paying clerks in railroad offices in Wilmington. Increase the membership of the Board of Education.

Ward—Repeal an act relating to the charter of Wareaw; Put Duplin officers on salaries.

Kittrell—Enable voters to vote although away from polling places.

The Senate—Second Day.

The Senate convened at 11 o'clock. Senator Matheson, of Taylorsville, was sworn in, Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge administering the oath. Sympathy was expressed for Senator McCoin, whose mother died Wednesday night, necessitating his return to his home.

Committees reported numerous bills favorably. These included: Amend various Robeson county laws; Regulate employment of pages by repealing the 1915 resolution and increasing the number allowed; Abolish Richmond county recorder's court; Amend the charter of Roanoke Rapids and Weldon Electric Railway Co.; Amend the law as to the Forsyth highway commission; Amend the charter of Lumberton; Permit Greensboro to issue bonds; Permit Currituck to issue bonds; Validate $260,000 Wilkes county school bonds; Validate Grifton bonds.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Bills Introduced.

Burnett—Appoint justices of the peace for Pender county.

Pollock—Authorize Kinston to control public buildings and docks.

Bennett—Relating to the $5,000 school bonds at Beulahville.

Bunn—Amend the Wake county highway act. Relating to the Wake act regulaing salaries of officers.

Jones—Workman's compensation act; Amend the charter of Asheville; Amend the act governing the Asheville police court.

Harrill—Authorize Rutherford county townships to issue bonds.

Oates—Appoint a committee of five to report on the advisability of creating the position of purchasing agent for State institutions. Put through immediate passage.

Johnson—Amend the law as to Currituck recorder's court.

Braswell—Appoint finance committee for Mitchell and Yancey counties.

Burgwyn—Provide bond issues for certain townships in Hertford county and Northampton county.

Hall—Amend the Stokes county highway law.

Tucker—Tax dogs and make it larceny to steal one.

Bennett—Authorize final payment for Confederate monument at Sylvia.

Gough—Permit appointment of deputy sheriffs by telephone in cases of emergency.

Passed Final Reading.

Bills passed final reading as follows:

Allow commissioners of Jackson county to finish paying for the Sylvia Confederate monument. Amend the Forsyth highway commission act. Provide for iron bridge at Donnaha. Repeal the act incorporating the town of Ripley. Revise the charter of Lumberton. Validate bond issue for Grifton schools. Authorize bridge bonds by Gaston county. Authorize bonds by Currituck commissioners. Amend the charter of Weldon and Roanoke Rapids Electric Co. Validate $250,000 Wilkes county road bonds. Repair Robeson county bridges. Road bonds for Sampson. Road bonds for Caldwell. Authorize Greensboro to issue bonds. Amend the Hope Mills school law. Relief of the board of education of Brunswick county. Repeal the Richmond county recorder's court act. Enable the sheriff of Nash to sell lands for taxes.

Senator Little, of Anson, raised objection to recess of the Senate for the joint session to hear Governor's message. He said he and the rest could read the message and the time the joint session consumed could be passed in rushing through the local bills the members want. He was told that the House had passed the resolution for the joint session. He didn't want to be obstreperous and withdrew his objection, and the resolution passed.

A committee of ten was announced to inspect local and private bills while they are being rushed through the Senate. It consists of Burgwyn, Bennett, Burnett, Cranmer, Gray, Johnson, Justice, Long of Alamance, Warren and Parker.

After hearing the Governor's message Senator Scales offered in the Senate a resolution for a committee of five to investigate the recommendations of Governor Craig. There was objection by Little, of Anson, who finally withdrew with clear indication that he will oppose the proposed increases in salaries of State officers.

Announcement was made of the appointment of W. L. Dowell as the clerk to the committee on claims.

The House—Second Day.

The House was convened by Speaker Murphy at 11 o'clock. The committees reported favorably 35 of the 140 local and private bills introduced Wednesday. None were reported unfavorably.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Matheson—Amend chapter 555 local laws of 1915; Repeal statute as to salary of the treasurer of Burke; Relating to the Burke schools.

Oliver—Amend the local laws of 1911 relating to the office of county auditor in Robeson.

Sellers—Relief of auditor of Robeson.

Pearson—Allow collection of back taxes.

McLendon—Authorize an appropriation by Durham commissioners for Confederate veterans.

Roberts—Entitle a certain attorney to be a justice of the peace.

Grant—Increase the board of education of Onslow county.

Hicks—Appoint justices of the peace for Avery county.

Grant, of New Hanover—Collect taxes due the city of Wilmington.

Grant—Abolish Onslow county court.

Swain—Issue bonds in Columbia. Levy corporation road taxes in Tyrrell; Prohibit feeding of hogs on Sunday in Tyrrell.

Morgan—Abolish office of county treasurer in Perquimans.

Swain—Regulate the killing of calves in Tyrrell.

Brothers—Regulate fishing in Lenoir.

Baldwin—Repeal recorder's court act in Richmond.

Clark—Appoint Ashe county justices.

Wilson—Prevent felling timber in Transylvania.

Haymore—Appoint justices of the peace for Surry.

Grantham—Authorize revisal of the Harnett jury list.

Taylor—Appoint justices in Edgecombe.

Hewett—Authorize townships in Brunswick.

Scott—Increase Pasquotank board of education. Amend the law as to Elizabeth City graded schools. Repeal certain local laws of Pasquotank.

Turner—Protect game in Alexander. Protect veal in Alexander. Appoint certain justices.

Privette—Appoint justices in Wilson county.

Swain—Appoint justices in Polk.

Ward—Ratify $5,000 school bond issue.

Cox—Amend chapter 200 local laws.

Mathews—Appoint justices in Bertie.

Clayton—Regulate primary elections in Hyde; Appoint certain justices in Hyde; For maintenance of bridges in Hyde.

Daniels—Protect game in Warren.

McCrackin—Appoint Columbus justices.

Breece—Appoint justices in Cumberland.

Haymore—Amend the law as to the Surry highway commission.

Pegram—Increase salaries of certain Durham county officers.

Wilson—Appoint justices of the peace for Transylvania.

Love—Prohibit the shipment of liquors in Lincoln.

Dalton—Amend the private laws of 1915.

Kernodle—Relating to dog tax in Alamance. Authorize commissioners to give transportation to Confederate veterans.

Mauney—Appoint magistrates for Gaston county.

Sixty-four bills introduced Wednesday were reported favorably from committees during the morning session.

Passed Final Reading

Bills passed final reading follow:

Amend the law as to recorder's court in Warren. Relating to the repeal of Johnson county primary law. Amend the game laws in Scotland county. House bill as to stenographers to be employed. Amend Orange county road laws. Repeal the special compulsory school law for Macon. Amend the law as to the Yadkin county sheriff. Repeal local law as to establishing county treasurers. Fix salaries and abolish treasurer's office in Davie. Authorize charitable donations by Durham county and city authorities. Repeal the Pender stock law through special 1913 act. Authorize Durham to extend sewerage and water system. Repeal certain local laws of Rutherford county. Regulate fees of recorder's court in Warren. Relating to the sale of liquors in Jackson.

The following bills requiring roll call passed second readings:

Incorporate Coats graded school. Allow Durham to issue bonds. Authorize special tax in Macon. Authorize road bonds in Alleghany. Allow Winston-Salem to issue bonds. Ratify Flora Macdonald College charter. Authorize $15,000 school bonds for Fuquay Springs. Allow Edenton to issue certain bonds. Amend the charter of Thomasville. Permit Currituck to issue special bonds. Relative to bridges in Jackson. Amend the charter of West Asheville. Amend act as to Philadelphus graded school. Permit Durham to issue water bonds. Amend the charter of Durham. Prohibit running at large of cattle in Carteret. Amend Randolph road law. Authorize road bonds for Jackson township. Authorize school tax for Bladen county. Amend the charter of Durham. Authorize road bonds by Surry county. Allow West Asheville to issue bonds. Authorize an issue of bonds in Marion. Authorize Surry county to issue bonds. Provide for maintenance of highways in Bladen township. Authorize street bonds by Gastonia. Validate Beaufort county bonds. Provide for construction and maintenance of roads in Pitt.

A resolution by Representative Grier provided for the expenses in connection with the inauguration of Governor Bickett next week. A resolution was passed providing for 500 copies of the report of the special auditing committee report as to the examination of the State offices to be printed.

Committee Announced.

Speaker Murphy announced the committee on constitutional amendments composed of Representatives Grier, Stubbs, Ray, Doughton, Daniels, Roberts, Dalton, Dees, McCrary, Haymore and Pritchard; also the committee on justices of the peace, composed of Ray, Scott, Matheson, Cox, of Forsyth; Phillips, Price of Rockingham; Taylor, Scott, Baldwin, Hurley, Horne, Pruitt, Noland, Pritchard and Killian.

In announcement of pages, McKendre Robbins was made chief page. He is a grandson of Major W. M. Robbins, of Statesville, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Robbins, who recently moved to Charlotte from Raleigh. Other pages are: H. G. Young, of Vance; J. W. Mathews, Avon Sharpe, Jack Joyney, William Harding, James Griffin, W. M. Cooper, Marvin Hooker. The stationary clerk is T. B. Wyatt. Laborers are D. V. McLean, W. W. Willis, Lonnie Southern, J. D. Griffin, C. E. Glenn and W. D. Cothran.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE opened by the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C., at 12 o'clock, noon, January 25, 1917, for constructing two marine boilers of the gunboat type to be delivered at Charleston, S. C. Information upon application to the above office.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend to our friends our sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. N. L. Strickland. THE FAMILY.

(Advertisement.)

CUBAN GOVERNMENT'S SUIT AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA IS DROPPED

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become involved with these repudiated bonds, bonds from which the State of North Carolina nor any reputable citizen of the State derived any benefit.

P. R. A.

GOVERNOR INFORMS ASSEMBLY AND RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—There was rejoicing tonight among State officers and legislators over official information that President Monocal, of the Republic of Cuba, had issued a decree withdrawing the petition filed in the Supreme Court of the United States with a view to forcing the collection of the North Carolina Reconstruction repudiated bonds. The House of Representatives heard a special message from Governor Craig tonight and adopted resolutions expression appreciation for the action taken by the Cuban government.

There will be similar action by the Senate tomorrow, that body not having been in session tonight.

The information came to the governor through a telegram from Senator Overman, who also wired the text of the Cuban decree putting an end to the impending litigation.

In his message the Governor told the legislators that the discussion by Senator Overman on the floor of the Senate gave wide publicity to the character of the bonds, to their dishonor and repudiation by this State, leading to the revocation by the Cuban republic.

"We are deeply grateful that the Republic of Cuba has refused to be a party to methods employed by holders of these dishonored bonds," he said.

He had hoped from the beginning that the Cuban republic had been imposed upon. He told the Assembly that this action of Senator Overman in dealing with the bond matter is characteristic of the alertness and devotion of the State's representative at Washington in her every intrest.

The resolutions adopted by the House to be conc urred in tomorrow by the Senate express gratification at the action of the president of Cuba, taken voluntarily so soon as the character of the bonds came to their knowledge, and tenders profound thanks and hopes that cordial relations may continue to the welfare of both countries. Thanks are also tendered to Senator Overman for "successful service rendered North Carolina."

WANTS WARDS RETAINED

If any change is made in the city government, I think that each ward ought to be allowed to elect its own councilman, so that each councilman would look out for his own ward better as he would have to look to his own ward to elect him next time and not to the entire city. I think that this would cause the whole city to be looked after far better. Let us all pull together and do something for the city at large.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Lot Owners of Oakdale Cemetery will be held Monday evening, January 8th, 1917, at 8 o'clock at the Company's Office, No. 3 Odd Fellows' Building.

W. H. HOWELL, Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Murchison National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at eleven o'clock.

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THEATRICAL

The following criticism of "A Little Girl in a Big City," which comes to the Academy of Music today for a matinee and night engagement was taken from the Louisville Herald of November 27:

In "A Little Girl in a Big City," the play which began a week's engagement yesterday at the Gayety Theatre, Louisville audiences will discover that beyond doubt is the most thoroughly experienced cast of players the new International Circuit yet has assembled. The author, Kyle MacCurdy, has taken an oft-told, though not yet mediocre story, injected into it new angles, new lines, new situations and some original humor and made of it a smooth-running and enjoyable play. There are

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG
In "The Deep Purple" at the Grand Today.

players in "A Little Girl in a Big City" who have promising futures before them in the theatrical world. The Star, Miss Florence Davenport, playing the part of "the little girl," is a young woman, who can not possibly be more than 18. She has beauty, grace and youthful mannerisms which aid in making her acting convincingly natural. The fact that her delivery of dramatic soliloquies in some instances is slightly affected is more the fault of the author of the lines than her own. Next comes Fred R. Hoadley, as Schmutz, the Dutch landlord, who, without the slightest trace of affection, handles admirably the German dialect which falls to his part. Mr. Hoadley really is the most able member of the cast. Lyle Harvey makes a delightful and constantly laughable character of Eck Jones, a country lad who knows how not to play a trombone. Pearl L. Ford's "bad woman" characterization is put a bit too convincing. A part not to be overlooked is Mother Branscomb, as portrayed by Rachelle Renard. Others in the cast are Charles Merriwell, H. C. Robinson, Charles Neumann and J. Tully. The story is that of a young country girl forced to face the dangers of a big city, to which she is lured by a "city chap." The matinee prices are 25 cents for balcony seats and 50 cents for seats on the lower floor. The night prices will range from 50 cents to $1. Tickets are selling at Elvington's Front street store.

"September Morn"—Next Saturday

Harken, Ye Tangoists! Listen ye devotees of the Maxixe, the one-step, the turkey-trot, the canter, the swish dip, the lame duck, the 400-1 step, and all the other new fangled dances! Be it known that "September Morn"—LeComte and Flesher's sensational musical comedy tango and fun carnival, which comes to the Academy of Music for an all too brief engagement of two performances on next Saturday with Wm. Moore and 50 jolly dancers, singers and entertainers, Ruth Wilkins, "the American Gaby Deslys," who fairly sails through the atmosphere—sings, dances and does other dashing things. Maud K. Williams, Leslie Jones, James Baber and many others of the original company are to be seen here.

The production comes from a delightful run at the LaSalle Opera House, Chicago.

At the Royal Today

Today is the last opportunity you will have of witnessing the big show presented by Gardner and Lawson's Hello Southland Revue Company, which has made new attendance records for several days this week at the Royal Theatre. "The Haunted Hotel" is the third big bill presented by this company, and it simply lifted the audience off their feet with its mirth-provoking situations. It's an old play, but it has never been pulled off in Wilmington exactly like Gardner and Lawson's company do it, and Geo. Gardner in the "coon" role is a continual scream from beginning to end.

Hans Schultz played by Harry Evanson was another good bit of work, and the entire company were very adept in the roles. Some late song hits were presented which added to the enjoyment, the great hit being registered by Thelma Fraley, "the Girl with the Blues," presentation of "Broadway Blues" and a specialty act by the Boyds which also went over big.

Big Saturday Bill at Bijou

Today the Bijou presents for the big Saturday crowds one of the biggest bills of the entire week, on which everyone will be sure to find something that appeals directly and forcibly to them.

The bill is headed by a mammoth two reel L-Ko scream, "Shooting His 'Art Out," a roar from beginning to end starring the great L-Ko funmaker, Phil Dunham, co-star with all the L-Ko bunch of star comedy artists. It is a continuous scream from beginning to end and if you have not yet learned to appreciate the true comedy worth of the L-Kos, the greatest comedy pictures now being made anywhere by anybody, just take a slant at this rip-snorter today and you will forever be convinced that L-Ko's are there with the punch that few comedy productions possess.

Animated Weekly No. 50 possesses some startling and out of the ordinary features today, including some big new war stuff from the European battle fronts, and many other great news events pictured for you by the camera.

And another big feature is "A Hunchback's Romance," a single reel dramatic feature starring Vivian Prescott and William Shay.

At the Grand Today

Today at the Grand, the patrons of that popular photoplay theatre, which by the day has been breaking all records for presenting big attractions for the past two weeks, presents another great triumph which is due to pack it again today the same as on last Saturday.

Today's big feature is the second of the great World Film Corporation specials starring that superb emotional and dramatic artiste, Clara Kimball Young, and is entitled "The Deep Purple" from the celebrated play and novel of that name.

Clara Kimball Young, the great star of "The Common Law," achieves a great triumph in this photoplay, made just before leaving the World Film Corporation, and only now released to the public. It is a tense emotional drama, full of the thrills and the spectacular action that will at once interest every beholder and hold them for a solid hour and a half.

"The Deep Purple" has been voted by many her great triumph while with the World Film Corporation, and indeed it is a film masterpiece of deep drama, in which the renowned star is supported by a magnificent cast of co-stars. It is indeed a treat, presented on the regular programme at regular admission prices.

The Famous Balcony Scene in "Romeo and Juliet" as Enacted by Francis X. Bushman and Bevely Bayne, Victoria Next Monday.

"Romeo and Juliet" Monday.

Facts about "Romeo and Juliet," Monday's great attraction at the Victoria:

The stars are Francis X. Bushman, as "Romeo," and Beverely Bayne, as "Juliet."

The cost of production was $250,000.

The first picture was taken May 25, 1916; the last, August 23, 1916—thirteen weeks to a day.

The cost of the costumes alone amounted to $35,000.

John W. Noble was general director; associated with him were Edward Elsner, assistant director; Rudolph De Cordova, Shakespearian adviser; Edward Powers, casting and costume director; Leander De Cordova, financial and assistant director; Harry Sothern, costume and assistant director.

A scenario made from William Shakespeare's great drama, "Romeo and Juliet," was submitted by John Arthur and accepted; Rudolph De Cordova modified and augmented this, and John W. Noble made the final changes.

All the leading characters of the play really spoke Shakespeare's lines while going through the appropriate action. Whenever a player forgot a speech the camera was stopped, and he was obliged to begin over again.

Several of the greatest theatrical families of America and England are represented in the cast, which includes a Booth, a Sothern, a Mantell, a Kemble and a Hall Caine.

Six hundred players were employed in the production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Eighteen buildings, reproducing the old market-place of mediaeval Verona, were built for the production. A great storm destroyed these just as pictures were about to be taken and they had to be entirely rebuilt at a total cost of more than $25,000.

Says Big Eaters Get Kidney Trouble

Take a Glass of Cold Water and Kidneco to Flush Kidneys if Back Hurts.

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The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., about one dozen kidneco tablets; take one with a glass of water before each meal for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous remedy is made from perfectly harmless ingredients and acts quickly and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Kidneco is inexpensive; cannot injure, make no mistake, insist on kidneco, it belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

LAURINBURG HEARING CONTINUED

Creditors Would Have Planters Trading Co. Declared Bankrupt.

Laurinburg, N. C., Jan. 5.—A hearing was held here yesterday before E. H. Howell, referee in bankruptcy, of Wilmington, in the matter of the Planters Trading Company of Laurinburg, alleged bankrupt corporation, upon petition filed in Federal court several weeks ago by the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, the Southern Cotton Oil and other creditors, alleging the corporation is insolvent and asking that it be declared bankrupt. After an all-day session the hearing was continued. The Planters Trading Company has been doing a farmers supply fertilizer and cotton business here for several years.

FLORENCE DAVENPORT
In "A Little Girl in a Bity City," Academy Today, Matinee and Night.

NO FIGHT BETWEEN HOOD AND ABERNETHY IN SIGHT

Announcement Concerning Solicitor Creates Sensation, It Is Said

(Special Star Correspondence)

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 5.—The news carried in the State papers yesterday to the effect that Solicitor Charles L. Abernethy, of this district, was being groomed for Congress from the Third district, caused considerable comment in various circles. It was generally known among Mr. Abernethy's friends that such was being done but the general public was unaware of this and the news created a sensation among many.

It is known that there will be no friction over this office. If the Democrats are resrous of running Congressman George E. Hood for another term and he is anxious for the place, it is believed that Mr. Abernethy will stop aside. However, it is said that Congressman Hood will not run for the office next term and, such being the case, Mr. Abernethy will probably be the party candidate for the place.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Wheat Drops on Expectation of Foreign Re-Selling in Event of Peace.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Expectation of extensive re-selling by foreigners in the event of actual peace did a good deal today to bringing about declines in the value of wheat. Closing prices were unsettled 1¼ to 3½ net lower with May at 1.80¾ to 1.81, and July at 1.48⅛ to 1.48½. Corn finished ⅛c off to ¼@¼c up; oats showing a set-back of ⅞ to 1c, and provisions advanced 22 to 62c.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—May 1.80¾; July 1.48⅛.
Corn—May 97⅛; July 96½.
Oats—May 56½; July 53⅝.
Pork—January 27.82; May 27.52.
Lard—January 15.45; May 15.90.
Ribs—January 14.25; May 14.72.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red 1.88; No. 2 hard 1.90 to 1.90½; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 96 to 96¾; No. 3 yellow 93½ to 95¾; No. 4 white 94½.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Very Steady With Prices Gaining 33 to 40 Points Net

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—Pronounced steadiness featured the cotton market here today. The opening was at the advance and the improvement was maintained with a gradual further gain with last prices 35 to 40 points up, on a steady tone.

A good demand for spot cotton over the belt generally and sales of 12,000 bales in the Liverpool market were the main stimulating features. The gossip of the day was that German interests were large buyers of spots in Southern markets and that Japanese firms were large buyers in Texas.

A private bureau forecast of 11,040,000 bales ginned to the end of December helped put the market up.

Cotton futures: Closing bid—January 17.41; March 17.55; May 17.79 July 17.96; October 16.80.

Spot steady and unchanged. Sales on the spot 530 to arrive 11:50; middling 17.13.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 5.—The County board of education has elected Mr. A. H. Egerton, a prominent business man of this city, as a member of the board of trustees of the Goldsboro public schools to succeed Mr. E. B. Borden, whose resignation was before the board and reluctantly accepted.

How Thin People Obtain A Plump Strong Robust Body

"Before I took tonoline people used to call me 'skinny,' but now my name is changed. My whole body is stout. Have gained 15 lbs. and am gaining yet. I look like a new man," declared F. P. Smith, Pittsburg, Pa., who had just finished the tonoline treatment.

Would you, too, like to quickly put from 10 to 30 lbs. of good, solid, "stay-there" flesh, fat and muscular tissue between your skin and bones?

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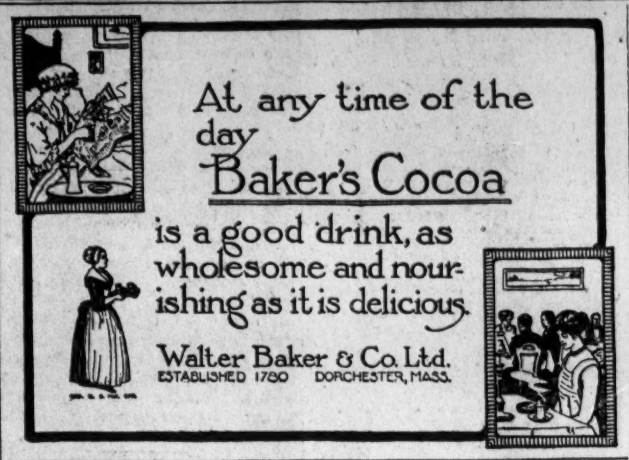
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DAILY TRAIN SERVICE IS GRATIFYING TO NEW BERN

Restoration of Former Service on Wilmington-New Bern Line.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 5.—New Bern citizens are delighted over the announcement just made by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company to the effect that the daily train service between New Bern and Wilmington, which was discontinued some months ago "on account of the war," is to be resumed some time during the first part of the coming month.

Local business interests have time and again endeavored to have the A. C. L. officials put this daily train back on the line but up until a few days ago they were unsuccessful.

The resumption of this daily service and starting into operation of a line of freight steamers from New Bern and Northern ports during the course of the next few weeks, means much to New Bern in many ways and local citizens are predicting that it will aid greatly in the progressiveness and prosperity of the city, giving it better transportation service both by rail and by the water route.

SUSPECTS CAUGHT IN ROBESON

Two White Men Arrested in Connection With Robberies in Bladen.

Clarkton, N. C., Jan. 5.—Two young white men claiming to be from Jacksonville, and suspected of having robbed several stores at Clarkton and Abbottsburg Wednesday night, have been caught in Robeson county and brought back to Bladen. They were overtaken by officers of Bladen and Robeson counties at Lowe, a station on the Seaboard five miles west of Lumberton, Thursday.

Bloodhounds picked up their trail at Abbottsburg but lost it near the Robeson county line. People along the railroad, however, reported having seen two men believed to have been the ones wanted and this information led to the arrest of the suspects.

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ARRESTED AT MAXTON

Negro Held in Connection With Murder Near Rowland

Maxton, N. C., Jan 5.—Luke McNeill, a negro from Philadelphia, is in the toils today. Deputy Sheriff W. W. Smith arrested him upon information that he was wanted in connection with the murder of another negro near Rowland, about two years ago. When arrested his pockets were found well filled with pistol cartridges, but the weapon itself was missing.

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Report of the Condition of
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, Dec. 29th, 1916.

RESOURCES:		
Loans and discounts (except those shown on c)	$5,302,370.56	
Acceptances of this bank, purchased or discounted	552,155.97	
Total		$ 5,854,526.53
Overdrafts—		
Unsecured		9,084.65
Customers' liability account of "acceptances" executed by this bank		552,155.97
U. S. Bonds:		
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	$550,000.00	
U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	$52,500.00	
Total U. S. bonds		602,500.00
Bonds, Securities, Etc.:		
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits	$30,000.00	
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	$5,000.00	
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	$229,700.00	
Total bonds, securities, etc.		264,700.00
Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock		36,300.00
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	$45,000.00	45,000.00
Equity in banking house		475,000.00
Furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	$69,693.42	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	$228,508.79	298,202.21
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)		1,192,848.45
Outside checks and other cash items	$24,818.80	
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	$2,054.30	26,873.10
Notes of other National banks		192,800.00
Federal Reserve notes		20,000.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		538,940.23
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		21,200.00
Other assets, if any: Liquidation account Southern National Bank		31,322.00
Total		$10,166,453.14
LIABILITIES:		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus Fund		500,000.00
Undivided profits $298,438.58 Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	$88,380.30	210,058.28
Circulating notes outstanding		543,700.00
Net amount due to approved reserve agents in other reserve cities		4,436.21
Dividends unpaid		664.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers, other than included in 29 or 30		4,562,207.00
Demand Deposits:		
Individual deposits subject to check		2,540,817.68
Certified checks		250.17
Cashier's checks outstanding		158,633.08
United States deposits		74,859.30
Postal savings deposits		3,671.45
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40	$2,778,231.68	
Other bonds borrowed without furnishing collateral security for same $5,000.00		
Other bonds borrowed for which collateral security was furnished $10,000.00		15,000.00
Acceptances executed for customers		552,155.97
Total		$10,166,453.14

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Chas. S. Grainger, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Jan. 1917.

F. W. DICK, Notary Public.

(My Commission expires March 3, 1918.)

Correct—Attest:
M. W. DIVINE,
MARCUS W. JACOBI,
M. J. CORBETT,
Directors.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Office of the Treasurer,
Wilmington, N. C., December 30, 1916.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of three and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C., on and after January 10th, 1917, to such stockholders as shall be registered on the books of the Company on December 19th, 1916, at three o'clock P. M.

JAMES F. POST, Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., of Sarah A. Parmele, late of Wilmington, N. C., I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said Testatrix, to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 5th, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1917.

C. B. PARMELE, Administrator C. T. A. of Sarah A. Parmele.

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We believe that once you get the habit of buying at home you will continue it. Why send your money out of town when you can get just as good and in many cases better values at home? Patronize your home merchants. If you do not purchase from us purchase from some other merchant in the city, but by all means, buy at home.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

The impulses of hate, pride, and a thousand others may bear a man's belief one way or another, and so vindicate the sincerity of a judbment which ought to be found itself calmly on proof.—FITZ HUGH LUDLOW.

Watch Wilmington going by on the right way to the front.

Yes, Wilmington will soon be getting ready for the 1917 season at the seaside. Already the improvement plans are being considered.

A great many people who criticise the Wilson administration's handling of the Mexican situation don't know anything about the Mexican situation.

The world was not built in a day. We make progress by degrees. We have to start somewhere before we get there, but Wilmington is on the way.

A Spanish paper warns all the belligerents against "placing too much faith in the hysterical and uninformed Yankees." Spain surely ought to know.

No, Suzanne, we don't believe the story about that minister who got so excited at a wedding that he kissed the groom and shook hands with the bride.

Being born a girl is more lucky than being born a boy, unless civilization finds some way to avert war and the world gets wise enough to abandon the most monstrous relic that has been bequeathed to it by barbarism.

There are no limits to the possibilities of North Carolina's greatness, but she can only be as great as we make her. Therefore, we can go ahead and plan all sorts of big work for ourselves and the State.

Europe will please excuse us for trying to find out why she keeps on fighting. We are liable to get into it, so we want to know what the Sam Hill we are expected to fight for so far away from home.

The banks at Washington complain that, owing to the uneven surface of the new 50-cent pieces, they cannot stack the coins. We are not complaining, but for another reason we never have been able to stack any of the old coins.

We are merely watching the dispute as to whether man or woman is "the noblest work of God." We always took it that "man" included the female of the species and that both are only noble as they conduct themselves here below. The female of the species is more lovely than the male, regardless of Kippling.

Thos. W. Lawson has given up a European trip so he can go to Washington to tell all he knows about the leak concerning the movement to bring about peace in Europe. Most everybody seems to be satisfied that about all he knew about the leak was that he made many millions of dollars out of it. The other part of what he knows consist of conversation.

Owing to the high cost of living, the people of many cities are now keenly alive to the matter of markets and marketing. As soon as prices fall, no more attention will be given to the matter. Nevertheless, at all times the marketing question is one in which everybody should be interested. The market system of practically every city in this country needs reversing, from both the sanitary and economic points.

Comment is made to the effect that one of the extravagances of this country is the $60,000,000 worth of chewing gum consumed every year. It is said that the girls chew at least $50,000,000 of it, and some old grouch has declared that it is only one little item which shows the high cost of girls. It's our idea, however, that the American girls are worth their gum. Besides that, suppose we compare the gum used by the girls with the tobacco used by the men. Which amounts to the most millions?

LET'S KEEP THE TOWNS

The Harvester World gives the Census Bureau credit for giving it out as a fact that "the small towns are growing smaller and large towns are growing larger". The small towns are either at a stand-still or they are shriveling up. In the West, especially, the small town is having a hard time for its existence, while many have ceased to be towns at all.

Two things, including the mail order business, are given as the reasons for the undoing of the small towns—and that means many cities as we call them in the South. Unless a town grows and the country surrounding it becomes a flourishing source of business for the railroads, they do not give such towns and communities the benefit of their best passenger and freight service. Most of the trains pass them by with out stopping, and they get only the service of what are known as local trains. The people of many small towns now can stand around the depot and see the regular trains pass by.

In order to save distance and save time, the railroads are straightening their tracks so they can be double-tracked, and they do not even hesitate to leave all inconsequential towns in the lurch. In other words, they leave them to dry up, while some new town is likely to be started two or three miles away. Modern highways also are being surveyed in order to have the roads as nearly straight as possible. They also leave out the small towns, so town had better be something if it does not want to be left by the railroads and the highways.

Why are the towns drying up, however? That is the question. The railroads and the highways are not doing it, for they are only ignoring such towns because they are small and are not on the map for business. As a matter of course, they would never think of leaving out a live town that is surrounded by flourishing producing country. The railroads will never leave a worth-while community high and dry so long as it receives and sends away freight and furnishes passengers for the roads. Somebody else is responsible for it, and Mr. C. M. Carroll, of the agricultural extension bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, has been making a study of the reasons why the small town is up against it, with the prospect that sooner or rater it will be off the map.

Mr. Carroll finds that in some instance the railroads and highways are being straightened and thus leave small towns high and dry, but the towns so left are few and far between compared with the large number of towns that have gone to sleep and are therefore drying up. He hints that other forces are doing the work—"self-sufficient forces, often, within a town itself, which are building a wall around the towns and starving them to death". Other forces within and without are putting a quietus on the town. They are the people in the town and in the country, who convert themselves into town killers by buying what they want from the big cities two or three hundred or even several hundred miles away. He points particularly to the habit of farmers who are patronizing mail order houses and by so doing are "weakening the local merchant until the small town, which surrounds him as a nucleus, collapses and falls in about him." Then follows depreciation of the farms all around.

The Harvester World takes it all to heart and deplores the decadence of the small town. "If", that paper says, "the small towns are approaching zero as a limit, as some of them seem to be, it is only a question of time when we will lose them from the map". Then the Harvester World says:

"The Harvester World wishes we could save the small towns, for it is of the opinion that after they are gone, we may find that we need them. Experience in the farm machine business has taught us that no one but a local merchant can give the careful service and close attention to the customer which the local merchant gives. We believe the farms themselves will show the effects of losing the towns. Recently in an editorial in the Farmers' Review, it was shown that seventy-nine farms within two miles of market averaged in value $78.70 an acre; while one hundred and eighty-three farms, two to four miles from market, averaged $70.20 an acre. One hundred and twenty-six farms, four to six miles from market, were worth $60.90 an acre; one hundred and thirteen farms, six to eight miles to market, were worth $58.20 an acre; and one hundred and forty-nine farms over eight miles from market averaged $55.90 an acre. These figures are from a survey conducted by the Missouri experiment station and show rather forcibly, as The Harvester World sees it, that the town is of prime influence in establishing land values."

Well, every farmer knows that the larger and more flourishing is his near-by town, the more valuable becomes his farm. He also knows that if it should dry up, his farm value would dwindle in proportion. His opportunities as a farmer would grow less and finally he would find himself without even a local market and convenient trading point.

However, the town people who are trading away from home are also drying up the home town and helping to depreciate the farm values around their town. No wonder so many people are complaining that it is so awfully dull in their towns. Why should they complain? They are furnishing all the dullness themselves. Do you catch?

How can a man's or a woman's town grow unless they contribute their share to its business and growth? Mr. Carroll pertinently inquires: "Did you ever stop to figure what your town will be 36 years from now? Did you ever look ahead a hundred years and wonder if your town would still be on the map?" Indeed, maybe it will be very still on the map. That is no joke.

CITY CARTAGE AS A FACTOR IN THE COST OF LIVING

Mr. Sam L. Rogers, Director of the Census, at Washington, a North Carolinian, has been conducting a preliminary survey of the factors entering into the cost of living. According to that survey, Secretary of Commerce Redfield declares that it is his view that the cost of city cartage and delivery and the system of local distribution of commodities by retailers is adding its burden to living expenses. The Department of Commerce, therefore, has issued a bulletin, in which it is said:

"For four important classes of commodities—coal and wood, milk, ice, and department-store merchandise—which together represent a very considerable proportion of the cost of living, the expense of delivery, or cartage one way, according to the results of this preliminary survey, constitutes, on the average, more than 8 per cent of the total cost to the consumer. The percentages for the individual commodities, however, vary greatly from this average. For department-store merchandise the delivery expense, as indicated by the data so far obtained, represents less than 2 per cent of the selling price; for milk and dairy products the corresponding proportion is 12 per cent; for coal and wood, 19 per cent; and for ice, 45 per cent.

"In view of the fact that intensive studies of the prices and general cost of handling of many foodstuffs—for example, butter, wheat and flour, and sugar—which have been made in recent years by city, state, and Federal authorities, show the various percentages that the several general handling or transactions add to the original price received by the producer, the officials of the Census Bureau decided to confine the scope of their initial investigation to that phase of distribution represented by the final one-way delivery—that is, delivery by the retailer to the consumer—of necessaries of life and to the cost of cartage in other forms; and since in the case of many articles of food the amount received by the producer is only one-half or one-quarter (or less) of the price paid by the consumer, it was the belief of Secretary Redfield—a belief borne out by the results of the preliminary inquiry—that the item of city cartage alone would be great enough to justify calling attention to the very large sums that the community is called upon to pay in maintaining the wasteful and highly complex systems of individual delivery which characterize retail distribution at this time.

"When it is considered that in the city of Washington alone there are no fewer than 5,000 retailers of all classes who make deliveries of their various goods, and that the delivery service of the large department store, at a relatively low cost, to the comparatively expensive—because small and poorly equipped—service of the corner grocer, which he is compelled by competition to maintain, it is apparent that this one form of the cost of city cartage represents an annual expenditure of millions of dollars, much of which could be saved by better organization. At any rate, the results of the preliminary survey are considered by Secretary Redfield to be sufficiently striking to justify him in directing the Census Bureau to make a further and more exhaustive study of the subject. This study will cover not only the cost of the final delivery from the retailer to the consumer but also the cost of transferring goods from the railroad station to the store or delivery station (such as a milk depot), and also cartage costs as they appear in other connections. This expense is an item of importance, but it was not feasible to make any investigation of it in the course of the preliminary survey."

Possibly this will put consumers to thinking on this line themselves. They may find out for themselves what the government seems to be trying to find out for them.

NOT KICKS BUT PLANS.

Several months ago The Star reminded the citizens of Wilmington that the Legislature would soon be in session and that it was time to agree beforehand on the kind of legislation needed for the better government of Wilmington. The matter is entirely within the hands of the people, if they would only take time by the forelock and take action. Tomorrow is generally too late. It is decidedly too late to wait till the Legislature convenes and then get busy and excited over what it is necessary to do concerning legislation touching the local affairs of a city as important as Wilmington.

As it is now, the people of Wilmington are endeavoring to have some sort of understanding after the Legislature has gone to work and is getting busier every day. Another mass meeting of citizens is called for tonight, and it is hoped that it will really be a meeting of those citizens more interested in Wilmington than they are in city politics. Our citizens ought to attend that meeting and be in earnest. They should not go there to kick and squabble, but to submit plans and agree upon them. Making a kick without submitting a plan would not mend matters much this late in the day. Action long ago would have saved us all the purturbation of the present.

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 5.—The epidemic of measles which has been prevalent in this city for several weeks is now reported to be almost completely stamped out, and only a few cases are now reported, these being scattering. According to reliable information only one death has resulted in this city from the above disease, and this case was complicated by pneumonia.

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 5.—A new enterprise that will give employment to many will soon be moved from New Bern to this city—the Scott Register Company. Wilson has offered the concern a site with a building on it at a nominal figure, free license for one year and will invest $10,000 in stock in the enterprise.

SUSPICIOUS YOU AND CAUTIOUS ME

A Northern paper says: "The farmer is a suspicious individual." We found out long ago that it is necessary for all men to be cautious and that the farmer has found out that if he isn't cautious, too, some lobster will sell him a gold brick. When a man is cautious he is regarded as "suspicious," if he is a farmer. When other men are cautious they get credit for being astute. That is the difference, and Mabel knows it's so. Caution is a sign of wisdom, and our advice to the farmers is to continue to be cautious even if others say they are suspicious. As a matter of fact, any man who goes through life without being cautious, and even suspicious, soon finds out that nearly everybody takes him for a sucker. Being "from Missouri" has kept many a man from taking the bait and getting the hook. Tut! Tut! with the whole thing.

THE FARMER CAN RETALIATE

To the Editor of The Star:

If the women's clubs throughout the country, which are so active in the boycott game at the present time against butter and eggs, were more familiar with the conditions existing in the producing sections, they might be inclined to go a little slow in enforcing these boycotts.

If they knew that the farmer, who is producing these products, was not making as much money out of them today as he did when they were bringing one-half the price, they might conclude they were wrong in their methods; and besides, the boycott game is a game at which two can play. If the farmer sees his product boycotted, he can stop producing it, and when it comes to a final showdown, it will be found that the farmer has every advantage of the game. He can always raise what he and his family wants to eat, which the members of the women's clubs cannot do.

In the milk wars going on all over the country, in which the farmers are winning; and in this other matter, were they to resort to the same measures the women's clubs are using, the producers would undoubtedly carry the upper hand.

The prices of butter and eggs are high; so are prices of meat, flour, potatoes, and in fact, there is nothing that goes into our daily food but what is high. But the word boycott is not mentioned in connection with these products, dairy products alone are singled out as the objects of attack by the women's clubs.

If friend housewife would give the matter thought and study the situation carefully, she may conclude that she is attacking products that cannot be produced by the average farmer for any less money than he is now producing them, and the women's clubs may realize that there is a possible danger in the situation for them if they continue the boycott.

G. M. BOCK.

Wilmington, N. C., January, 1917.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Now that the New Year has made it's advent we are going to be expectant of the time when that new railroad from here to Lumberton is announced as a certainty. To be sure the projectors were only planning a standard guage lumber road and passenger and freight was a secondary consideration, but it won't always serve that purpose. We have an idea that the Seaboard Air Line would be by no means averse to getting a foot-hold in this section of the county and that long before the lumber people have got through with the road the Seaboard will be in the market for it. —Whiteville News Reporter.

An average of one man a day will take the train at Wilmington with a ticket to Charlotte and vice versa, yet some people fancy that an additional train should be put on the road to accommodate this man if he happens to be shaving when the train leaves. There are the most unreasonable demands made upon the railroads and yet some needed and reasonable things are entirely overlooked. If the railroad could permit additional expense to its train service between Wilmington and Charlotte, it should look after keeping more of its stations opened for the night trains. At Clarkton, Bladenboro and Council the offices are not opened for either the early morning or late night trains and passengers have to look after themselves and baggage as best they can.—Clarkton Journal.

The First Presbyterian church in Wilmington will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its organization in April. President Wilson's father was pastor of this church for a number of years, and young Woodrow Wilson himself held membership in it. The officers of the church hope to have a visit from the President during the celebration of the anniversary, which will run through an entire week, and it is reasonable to believe that the President will not allow them to be disappointed. The occasion will be one peculiarly appealing to his sense of the appropriate, and we should think the Wilmington people have cause for hope. Some of the most distinguished ministers in the South, who have served for pastorates there, will take part in the week's ceremonies. —Charlotte Observer.

How to Heal Skin-Diseases

A Baltimore doctor suggests this simple, but reliable and inexpensive, home treatment for people suffering with eczema, ringworm, rashes and similar itching, burning skin troubles.

At any reliable druggist's get a jar of resinol ointment and a cake of resinol soap. These are not at all expensive. With the resinol soap and warm water bathe the affected parts thoroughly, until they are free from crusts and the skin is softened. Dry very gently, spread on a thin layer of the resinol ointment, and cover with a light bandage—if necessary to protect the clothing. This should be done twice a day. Usually the itching and burning stop with the first treatment, and the skin soon becomes clear and healthy again.

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COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT!

IS IT REAL OR IMAGINARY?

Popular approval of the Commission form of Government should not be allowed to permit unwise provisions to become a part of any city Charter. Before any new charter is adopted for the City of Wilmington, the public should have full information as to every provision and should be taken into confidence as to the purpose of the change. At the mass meeting to be held tonight the following questions should be specifically answered:

1. The present Charter was adopted in 1911 by a vote of the people, 1,152 voting for it and 22 voting against it. Will our representatives in the General Assembly abolish this Charter and adopt a new Charter without giving the people opportunity to vote on it?
2. Will those named in the new Charter accept such appointment for a term of two years, or will they be willing to submit their chances of election to the people at the next general city election in May?
3. One of the Commissioners named lives out of the City limits in a large Suburban development; Will he move into the city and become a city tax payer, or will the bill enlarge the city limits so as to take him in?
4. If the bill enlarges the city limits so as to take this development in, is it the purpose of the bill, and the commissioners to be named, to saddle upon the city a sewerage and water system which is costly, as well as a street development, which cannot be made a part of the present sewer system and street development, and will they go on record now as opposing this proposition, so that the Commission Form of Government may not be under suspicion?
5. If it is the purpose of this "Commission Form" to enlarge the boundaries of the city, will a commissioner be appointed who is interested in the development, which may be sold to the City, and if so, will he be more interested in getting this development for the city as cheaply as possible in the performance of his public duties, or getting as much for it as possible in satisfaction of his private interest?
6. Will our representatives in the General Assembly favor making appointments to run beyond the next General Election, and thus take away from the people the right to vote upon their city officials?
7. Do those who are appointed, and who may come up before the public in the future, wish to go on record now as being favorable to the undemocratic principle of repealing a charter adopted by the people, and enacting one which the people have never seen, or been able to see, and accept appointments thereunder, beyond the next General Election?
8. Will the newspaper reporters of the City be careful to report in the papers the full proceedings of the mass meeting to be held tonight, quoting those who favor submitting these questions to the people and those who oppose it so that the people may know where their leaders stand?
9. Does Representative Grant feel that a Mass Meeting in the Court House, which will hold only about ten or fifteen per cent of the voters of the city, should bind him, who is also representative of the other eighty-five or ninety per cent, who will not be able to get in the Court House?

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STATEMENTS MADE BY MAYOR AND CHADWICK

Much Interest in Mass Meeting at Court House Tonight

It is Expected That Many Will Assemble In Response to Call Issued by Representative L. C. Grant. May Hurry Bill Through.

The call for a mass meeting of the citizens of Wilmington for 8 o'clock tonight at the county court house, issued from Raleigh by Representative Grant in order that the sentiment of the people with reference to the proposed establishment of a commission form of government carrying the names of men appointed as commissioners may be manifested in concrete shape, has set local politicians to speculating as to whether sufficient time remains for the New Hanover representative to get this strictly local legislation enacted into law before January 10th, upon which date the constitutional amendments barring such local acts takes effect.

It is the opinionf a anumber of citizens that in the event a demand for roll-calls is made, it would be impossible to secure the passage of a bill creating a commission government for Wilmington at the present session of the Legislature, owing to the very limited time during which such matters can be taken up, even though the bill Representative Grant has announced he will introduce should be approved at the mass meeting tonight.

A Wilmington attorney who has served in the State Legislature, although opposed to any radical revision of the city charter and especially to any act which will result in the appointment of city commissioners by the Legislature unless it is submitted to a vote of the people of the city, stated yesterday to a Star man that he thought that inasmuch as such an act was not a revenue or taxation measure, it could be put through the legislative mill within 20 minutes or less time after it is introduced.

It was explained that all a representative would have to say to his colleagues would be "Boys, I want this put through. Help me to do it, and I'll take the responsibility."

Rules Suspended.

A former member of the Wilmington City Council also stated that he was of the opinion that the passage of the bill could not be barred by the constitutional amendments which take effect next Wednesday. He stated that owing to the eagerness of members of the Legislature to get their local measures through before Wednesday, practically all rules which would tend to delay enactment of such laws by readings and roll-calls have been suspended.

In addition to the rules of the Legislature, which it is understood have been practically suspended, the State Constitution has two sections which bear on the subject.

One provides that "All bills and resolutions of a legislative nature shall be read three times in each house before they pass into laws." Local attorneys say that this section could readily be complied with in a few minutes.

Another section, which is not believed to be applicable except perhaps by implication, reads as follows:

Section 14—No law shall be passed to raise money on the credit of the State, or to pledge the faith of the State, directly or indirectly, for the payment of any debt, or to impose any tax upon the people of the State, or allow the counties, cities or towns to do so, unless the bill for the purpose shall have been read three separate times in each house of the General Assembly and passed three several readings, which readings shall have been on three different days, and agreed to by each house respectively, and unless the yeas and nays on the second and third readings of the bill shall have been entered on the journal.

This section is not believed to be applicable, according to local attorneys, because the proposed commission form bill for Wilmington is not for the purpose of raising money or for the payment of any debt.

Mr. Chadwick's Statement.

Mr. D. N. Chadwick, when asked last night by a Star man as to whether he cared to make any statement in connection with the report from Raleigh that Mr. L. Clayton Grant, New Hanover's representative in the Legislature, had prepared a bill for a commission form of government for Wilmington and naming Mayor P. Q. Moore for mayor and Messrs. D. N. Chadwick and Jos. W. Yates for commissioners, made the following statement:

"I see it is rumored that Sunset Park will be taken into the city limits. Under no circumstances would I favor any such proposition. For me to be eligible for the position of city commissioner, Sunset Park, where I reside, would have to be taken into the city limits, as I am not a resident of the city. Consequently I am automatically eliminated from consideration as a commissioner."

Mayor P. Q. Moore, when asked for a similar statement yesterday afternoon by a representative of The Star handed him a statement which he had prepared, which reads as follows:

The Mayor's Statement.

"I notice in the morning papers that it was intimated that in the event that our representative in the Legislature, Mr. L. Clayton Grant, changed the city charter, that I was to be named as one of the officers in the new bill. I want to state that I have had no conversation with Mr. Grant nor with Mr. Cranmer, either directly or indirectly, regarding my appointment under the new bill, in that event that a new bill was introduced, and neither has Mr. Grant nor Mr. Cranmer intimated to me, or suggested to me directly or indirectly, that I should be named in the event that a new bill was introduced; in fact, there has been no suggestion or intimation on the part of either of the representatives that I would be named in any proposed legislation.

"Some time after Mr. Grant's election he asked me if I desired to make any suggestions as to legislative matters, and I replied that if any change to the city charter were made that the mayor should be clothed with sufficient power to be the chief executive of the city in fact, and not in name only, as under the present city government the mayor is nothing more than a figure-head and as the people look to him in practically all matters pertaining to the management of the city government he is powerless to afford relief on account of the lack of power, and that I thought the mayor should be clothed with such power as to require him to stand at the head of the government."

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FARMERS TO GET LOANS SOON

President J. P. Herring, of Local Association, Expects Land Banks to Be Operating by February 1st

Now that the location of the various Federal Farm Loan banks has been settled, New Hanover County farmers who are members of the local Farm Loan Association, according to its president, Mr. J. P. Herring, may expect to be able to arrange for loans varying in amount from $100 to $10,000 by the first of next month or by March 1st, at the latest.

At a recent meeting of the New Hnover association at the County Court House, many interesting facts concerning the interest charges for the loans were developed.

There seems to be an entirely wrong impression mong farmers as to the fees charged for securing these loans from the new land banks. As is generally known the government fixes the rate of interest to be charged—which is six per cent or less much lower than the majority of farmers are now paying.

The local association will charge the lowest fee it is possible for it to charge. The details are rather involved, but the highest fee allowed to be charged is $100, and this is for the largest loans the government will allow to be made—from $8,000 to $10,000. The fee is $35 for loans of from $500 to $1,000. As no loans are made for less than five years, the farmers are paying one-fifth of one per cent for the investigation, registration, abstract of title, all legal fees—in fact all expenses connected with the loans.

Most farmers, it is pointed out, will find this compares very favorably with the hundred and one expenses they are called upon to pay when they secure a loan at present. It is not believed that one of them secures it for anything like one-fifth of one per cent.

ADJOURNED TERM OF FEDERAL COURT TO CONVENE FEBRUARY 13

Deputy Clerk S. P. Collier Announces Names of Jurors Drawn.

The adjourned fall term of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will convene here on February 13, with Judge Henry G. Connor, of Wilson, presiding. The docket, which consists of civil cases, is very light.

The list of jurors has been drawn by Clerk L. D. Heartt, in Raleigh, and was made public here yesterday by Deputy Clerk S. P. Collier. The list follows:

Messrs. John H. Niggel, F. W. Dick, Asa A. Brown, James J. Darby, W. M. Cumming, Fulton T. Allen and F. A. Muse, of New Hanover county; M. F. Scott, of Rocky Point; Hiram Sholer, Maple Hill; E. M. Johnston, Willard; S. L. Highsmith, Burgaw; H. E. Peterson, Burgaw, Pender county; John M. Weeks, Clinton; Frank M. Herring, Delway, Sampson county; J. M. Smith, Grists; D. M. Currie, Mollie, Columbus county; Honce Davis, Albertson, Duplin county; O. A. Durant, Wilmington, New Hanover county.

FRIAR COXEY'S DEBUT

Well Known Publicity Man Associate Editor of The Friars' Epistle

The numerous friends of Willard D. Coxey, well known newspaper and publicity man, who has for the past several years been looking after the publicity end of the Buffalo Bill shows, will be interested in learning that this versatile writer has been made associate editor of the Friars' Epistle, a magazine published monthly by the National Asociation of the Friars. The first number of the magazine was published in December and contains a very interesting assortment of items about the "doings" of theatrical people.

Friar Coxey, who claims to be the champion optimist, has been perambulating over the South for many years, having formerly been advance agent for the Barnum and Bailey shows, and numbers among his friends scores and hundreds of newspaper men everywhere.

The membership of The Friars embraces not only the advance courier, "the man in front of the house", and the player but also many of the best known men in the United States who are either closely or sympathetically allied with the amusement world. The headquarters of the organization is at the famous "Monastery" in New York.

MR. M'CAIG IS NAMED AS ASSISTANT TO COMPTROLLER

Messrs. Lee and Woodward are Also Promoted by Coast Line.

Mr. W. D. McCaig has been promoted assistant to the Comptroller of the Atlantic Coast Line, from the position of assistant auditor of freight receipts in the general offices of the company here. Mr. McCaig assumed the duties of his new position on January 1st.

The foregoing announcement is contained in a statement issued from the office of Comptroller H. C. Prince, which carries with it the approval of the appointment by Mr. Lyman Delano, vice-president of the company.

As a result of Mr. McCaig's promotion, vacancies were created by which Mr. D. H. Lee and Mr. C. W. Woodward have also been given positions of increased responsibility.

Mr. McCaig, who has served the city for some time as councilman in charge of the finance department, is regarded as one of the most able men in charge of the administration of the city's affairs, and his promotion is regarded as well-deserved on account of his long and faithful service to the company, with which he has been connected for more than 20 years.

Quarters Are Enlarged.

The Sterling Furniture Company, Nos. 18-21-23, South Front street, have found it necessary to rent another building for the accommodation of their increasing business. Mr. E. H. Sneed is manager of this company.

CITY ATTORNEY THINKS STATE LAW SUFFICIENT

Ruark Opposed to Radical Change Without Vote of People

Returns From Trip to New York on Business Connected With State-Wide Financial Act For Towns And Cities

City Attorney Robert Ruark returned yesterday from New York, where he went in connection with his duties as chairman of a committee appointed to draft a State-wide law designed to provide for the financial affairs of cities and towns. The City Attorney had been absent from Wilmington since Sunday and for the first time had an opportunity to become informed as to the local situation and the latest developments in connection with proposed legislation affecting the city.

Mr. Ruark expressed the opinion last night that from what he had been able to learn of the proposed special act to change the government of the city of Wilmington and appointing officials, that the city and its people could obtain all of the benefits of such act, so far as he understood them, under the proposed State-wide law, but only by a vote of the people of the city. He further stated that in his opinion it is not wise to pass laws radically changing the government of any city without providing that such changes are to be voted upon; that the people should be allowed to choose their public officials, and not to allow them to do so is thoroughly undemocratic.

When seen by a Star man last night, Mr. Ruark stated that he wished it clearly understood that his trip to New York was not in his capacity as City Attorney, nor at the expense of the city of Wilmington. He pointed out that the president of the State Bar Association and the legislative committee of the Carolina Municipal Association had each appointed committee with a view to framing State-wide legislation which will meet the requirment of the recently adopted constitutional amendments; that these two committees had resolved themselves into a joint committee with Senator A. M. Scales of Greensboro, as chairman and thereupon the work of preparing suitable laws had been delegated to four sub-committees, one on each amendment; that he had been made the chairman of the committee, on Amendment No. 4, which relates to municipal corporations; that it was as chairman of this committee, and with a desire to be of service to the people of the entire State, he nad undertaken with the other members of his committee to frame a State-wide law providing for the organization and government of cities and towns, and a separate State-wide law designed to provide for regulate and control the financial affairs of cities and towns.

Acts Still Incomplete

He further stated that the joint committees had not finally determined the provisions of these State-wide laws in all details and that as the committee would meet next Monday in Raleigh for the purpose of passing upon the final draft of these laws, he could only speak in a general way as to what was contemplated by the laws as thus far determined upon.

Referring to the law which relates to the organization and government of cities and towns Mr. Ruark said that it was contemplated to prepare and submit for passage by the General Assembly a law which will provide for the adoption by cities and towns, upon a vote of the people in such cities and towns, either the Commission form of government, the Aldermanic form, or the Managerial form; that in addition the law was expected to further provide that the governing body of any city or town or 25 per cent of the qualified voters in such city or town might initiate and adopt by a referendum vote any form of charter differing from the Commission, Aldermanic or Managerial forms, subject only to the condition that the form so initiated and adopted should not be in conflict with any other general laws of the State or any provisions of the Constitution and that amendments to existing charters might be initiated and adopted in the same manner.

He stated that the purpose of the State-wide law as outlined is to preserve to the people the fullest possible measure of local self-government and at the same time prevent substantial changes except by a vote of the people.

Speaking with particular reference to the law designed to regulate and control financial affairs of cities and towns, the committee feels, said Mr. Ruark, that this is a matter of very great importance. Investigation of existing conditions indicates that in far too many instances sound business principles and methods have not been observed in municipal finances. The committee recognize, however, the difficulty which will be experienced by many cities and towns in turning from old methods and accommodating their financial affairs to the new order of things, and is trying to provide for this.

Some Provisions of Act

Among some of the matters to be provided by the act to be proposed, Mr. Ruark mentioned the following:

1. A specific grant of power to municiplities to incur debt for necessary expenses and for certain public utilities with a limitation as to the amount of debt which may be incurred.

2. Only serial bonds will be permitted to be issued.

3. Bonds for public utilities or improvements shall not be issued to run for a period longer than the life of the utility or improvement.

4. A provision for referring to a vote of the people any proposition to incur debt or issue bonds for other than necessary expenses. (The Constitution now makes provisions for necessary expenses).

5. A provision prohibiting the funding or refunding of future current expenses.

6. A provision for funding or refunding existing outstanding valid bonded indebtedness.

7. A provision for due notice and publication of the purpose of the governing body to incur debt or issue bonds under the act.

8. A provision specifying the maximum term for which bonds may be issued for certain improvements or utilities.

9. A provision as to the manner of selling bonds.

10. A provision for adoption of a budget and the requirement that such budget be observed.

Mr. Ruark called attention to the fact that under existing laws there is no limit upon the amount of debt of which a town or city may incur for necessary expenses. The proposed act will fix a limit.

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MUCH WIND IN WILMINGTON

Many Pranks Played by Breeze That Reached Gale-Like Proportions Here Yesterday.

Let us hope that the poet was right when he wrote:

"Except wind stands as never it stood, It's an ill wind that turns none to 'good.'"

Wilmington is a breezy city all the time, and much of the time blustery is the proper word. But yesterday was one of those extraordinary days when the god of winds seemed to manipulate the bellows in a sort of angry fashion until the velocity had reached semi-gale proportions. Not only did pedestrians experience difficulty in propelling themselves along the streets but at certain points in the city it was a rather dangerous undertaking for vehicles, either with motor propulsion or animal draft, to pass without extraordinary precautions.

Near the middle of the day at intervals the sky was bedecked with flying litter that had been swept from the streets and carried high up above the tallest steeples. Sign boards rattled and some were twisted almost from their settings. Occasionally a metal waste can was hurled from the sidewalk, making it parilous for the walkers lest their shins be bruised. Now and then a stray bicycle could be seen to skid from its mooring beside the curb-stone out into the street. "Old Glory" flapped energetically, but proudly from dozens of flag masts on the tops of buildings in the city, while the edges were fringed and the textures carried away in the breezes. Fair maidens (and others) paced hurriedly along the walks diligently weighting down dainty millinery with one hand while with the other they try to hold in place pretty curls which had required hours (a safe guess) to warp into shape.

A stranger scarcely ever comes to Wilmington and walks up Front street but that he is forced to pause at the corner of Front and Chestnut and marvel at the stiff breeze that blows incessantly day and night at that particular point. The big skyscrapers in Noo Yawk can't surpass the Murchison building when it comes to attracting the wind. At that corner yesterday scores of pedestrians lined the streets at intervals to watch the pranks played by the shifting blasts of the gale-like breezes.

A delivery wagon belonging to the People's Supply Company was broken in twain and all except the shafts and front wheels, which remained hitched to the obdurate mule, was upset in the middle of the street and the contents scattered thereabouts. Skirts, entwined about the forms of girls and grown-ups waved modestly, while men and boys, with coats buttoned tight, grasped viciously their headgear that showed no reluctance in taking advantage of a chance to soar high in the air and eventually land a block away in the path of some speeding motor car. Pickaninnies watched their opportunities for "tips" by running down the strayed hats ,and more than one got "his'n."

One man's headpiece was seen to take flight, despite his efforts to grasp it and mount upward almost on a level with the gabeled roof of the postoffice, up Chestnut street, past The Star building and land not far from the Cape Fear Club. The owner and a diligent negro boy pursued while girls and women giggled in amusement and men and boys laughed convulsively.

Down on the water front small craft could be seen making desperate efforts to move up the river against the swift blow, while others in crossing steered their course with difficulty. A lone negro in a crudely built yawl battled desperately with his oars to make at least a minimum degree of speed up-stream but in the face of the heavy odds his "propellers" refused to propel and he returned to dock, tied his craft and proceeded a-foot.

It is alleged that one old darkey notified certain city fathers, that the gale had blown a ditch in the ground near the place of his domestic domicile in the outskirts of the city, and he wanted it fixed before the rain began to fall.

According to the traffic policemen on duty in various sections of the city, the gale was accompanied by little dust, illustrating the truth of the old adage that every cloud has a silver lining.

Heavy winds blew all along the South Atlantic coast yesterday afternoon. The maximum velocity in Wilmington was 35 miles an hour. The wind was accompanied by a down pour of rain last night.

MR. E. P. DUDLEY PURCHASES LASSITER-MACDUFFIE GARAGE

Entire Plant Taken Over By Purchaser With Exception of Machines

A deal was closed Thursday between Mr. C. W. Lassiter, of the Lassiter-McDuffie Garage, and Mr. E. P. Dudley by virtue of which Mr. Dudley becomes the owner of the garage. Mr. Lassiter, however, will continue to sell Studebaker cars.

Mr. Dudley stated yesterday that he had assumed charge of the garage, which he intends to conduct in the future as a repair, storage and accessories business. He stated that he had purchased everything in connection with the garage except the cars, which the Lassiter-MacDuffie Compny will continue to sell. Mr. Dudley also stated that a storage room has been equipped at the garage for the charging and repairing of all types of batteries. Mr. Dudley, who is a well-known automobile man, has been conducting the storage and repair shop in the rear of the MacMillan garage on North Second street.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. STRICKLAND

Remains of Aged Lady Laid To Rest in Oakdale Yesterday

In the presence of many sorrowing friends and relatives, the remains of Mrs. William H. Strickland, who died suddenly Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Woolard, No. 413 Bladen street, were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery, following funeral services conducted from the residence at 11 o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, assisted by Rev. G. B. Webster.

Many beautiful floral designs attested to the esteem in which Mrs. Strickland was held in the community. A feature of the services were several vocal selections by the male quartette of the Bladen Street Methodist church, composed of Messrs. E. H. Hardison, M. M. McColl, J. W. Mintz and D. W. Willis. The following acted as pallbearers; Messrs. C. C. Harriss G. E. Holmes, E. J. Greensly, E. S. Hancock, W. H. Scarborough, and Chief of Police N. J. Williams.

INSPECTORS CONDUCT HEARING

Made Investigation of the Sinking of the River Tug "Emily B."

United States Steamboat Inspectors J. B. Rice and James W. Wilson, with headquarters in Charleston, S. C., conducted a hearing in the Federal court room yesterday morning for the purpose of investigating the sinking of the river tug "Emily B." which went down on the night of November 29th while moored at Magnolia on the upper Cape Fear river.

A number of witnesses were examined, including the master of the tug, Capt. William Register. The vessel sunk almost without warning in about 40 feet of water. There was no loss of life in connection with the sinking of the tug. The tug is owned by the Wilmington Towing Company, and since it sunk has been raised and is now being repaired at the Wilmington Iron Works.

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Miss Eva McGirt of Maxton, is the attractive guest of Mrs. J. S. Williams, at Carolina Heights.

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Mrs. E. R. Spence, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. P. Dorsey, on South Second street.

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Miss Mary Nixon Darden, who spent the holidays in the city, has returned to Hollins, Va., to resume her studies.

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Miss Christine Schulken has returned to Baltimore, Md., to resume her studies in the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

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Miss Mary Giles Bellamy has returned to Hollins, Va., to re-enter college, after spending the holidays at home.

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The physical education committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at the association building this morning at 11 o'clock.

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Miss Mary Taylor, daughter of Mr. J. Allan Taylor, who spent the holidays in the city, has returned to college at Hollins, Va.

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Mrs. W. M. Shaw and daughter, Miss Ruth Shaw, who have been visiting friends in the city, will return to Southport this afternoon.

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Miss Virginia Milton, after spending the holidays in the city with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William H. Milton, has returned to Hollins college in Virginia.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Miller, who have been visiting Mrs. M. Z. Hinnant, left yesterday for their home in Houston, Texas. They will stop over for a few days with friends in Waycross, Ga.

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The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Bible lectures to be given in this city by Miss Angy Manning Taylor will meet at Y. M. C. A. this morning at 11 o'clock. The place of meeting has been changed to the Y. M. C. A. because it is planned to have the lectures given there.

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The last hour of the week of Prayer being observed at the First Baptist church will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the church. Mr. Odis B. Hinnant will make the main address. Parents and teachers are especiall yinvited to attend, as Mr. Hinnant will make a helpful talk on the training of boys.

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Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the Twelfth Night entertainment which was planned to be held last night by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Parish, has been postponed and will be held at the Parish House tonight. An attractive programme has been arranged, and it will be carried out tonight at 8 o'clock.

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MR. AND MRS. BROWN ENTERTAIN AT DINNER ON NEW YEAR'S

Chadbourn, N. C., Jan. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown entertained a number of young people at a dinner New Year's evening, in honor of their daughter, Miss Gladys, before her return to the Fassifern School at Hendersonville. At the close of the dinner much merriment was produced by the characteristic favors presented to each guest. Those attending were: Misses Isabelle McKenzie, Mary McKenzie, Lois Wooten, Euplia McKenzie Inez Wooten and Messrs. Paul Brown, Charlie Monroe, Ralph Pridgen, Frank Wooten, Robert Brown, and Lieut. Paul Hendren, U. S. N.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Ernest Graham, of Red Spring is the guest of Mr. W. A. McGirt.

—Mr. Marion Smith, who spent the holidays at home, has returned to Oak Ridge.

—Mr. John B. Corbett has returned to Mt. St. Mary's College, at Emmittsburg, Md.

—Mr. George H. Hutaff has returned from an extended business trp to Cincinnati and other Northern cities.

—Mr. Franklin Smith, who has been visiting in the city, has returned to his home in West Green, Ga. His mother, Mrs. Joseph B. Smith accompanied him.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: N. Wood, Selma; C. S. Humphrey, Goldsboro; A. A. Williams, Greensboro; J. McRae Dalton, Winston-Salem; James B. McGurley, Fort Caswell.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: J. B. McNeely, Hamlet; A. O. Clement, Goldsboro; H. L. Lyon, Whiteville; P. R. Smith, Elizabethtown; G. T. Morgan, East Arcadia; J. F. Bussells, Southport; P. M. Williams, North Wilkesboro; W. M. Martin, Fayetteville.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GREEN

Remains of Aged Lady Laid Away At Bellevue Yesterday

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Belle J. Green, wife of the late Richard Franklin Green, of Henderson, who died late Wednesday afternoon, were held from the residence of her son, Mr. Herbert C. Green, No. 421 South Fifth Avenue at 3 o'clock yesterdy afternoon in the presence of a concourse of friends and relatives. Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, officiated.

Interment was made at Bellevue cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: L. C. LeGwin, W. R. Dosher, James M. Hall, W. H. Schaefer, John J. Fowler, and L. R. LeGwin.

Communion Service Sunday.

The first ervice of the New Year at Trinity Methoist church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock will be appropriately featured by the celebration of the Holy Communion. The pastor, Rev. W. V. McRae, will conduct the service and will preach at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a. m.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—An Edison phonograph, one of the latest models, purchased wits money won my prizes and entertainments, has been installed at the Union school.

—Import receipts for the customs district of Wilmington during the month of December aggregated the sum of $120,000 as compared with $133,000 for the previous month.

—Harry Walker, white, was sent to the Recorder's court for trial this morning, on a charge of fraud, after being given a hearing before Justice W. A. McGowan yesterday afternoon.

—Six young palmetto trees have been planted in the center of Market street reserved for this purpose, between Third and Fourth streets. The planting of the trees was arranged for at a recent meeting of City Council.

—The eighth grade pupils of the Union school have been presented with two fine pictures by Superintendent J. J. Blair as a holiday remembrance. The pictures, one of Litchfield Cathedral and one entitled "Springtime" have been hung on the walls of the class-room of the pupils.

—The following deeds were filed yesterday in the office of the register of deeds: E. A. Kerr and wife to J. J. Crews and wife, property on the Castle Haynes road, consideration, $100; David Bryant and wife to Jno. L. Brown, property on 14th street, consideration, $10 and other valuable considerations; J. Irving Bear to D. R. Foster, property on Orange street, consideration, $100.

—The latest edition of the "Purple Folder," as the pamphlet containing the schedules of the passenger trains of the Atlantic Coast Line is known throughout the length and breadth of the land, was issued on Wednesday of this week and is now ready for distribution all along the system. The folder has considerable information about the "Standard Railroad of the South" and among other things an editorial from The Star on "Watch the South."

MORE THAN 100 PERSONS ATTENDED I. O. O. F. SOCIAL

Public Installation of Officers Is Postponed Until Jan. 19th.

Although the public installation of officers of the four local lodges of Odd Fellows was not held last night on account of the bad weather which prevailed, an enjoyable social event was held under the auspices of Hanover Lodge, which was attended by more than 100 persons.

The public installation has been postponed until Friday night, January 19th, at which time the members of the four lodges, their friends, and the public generally are expected to turn out in large numbers.

When it was discovered that the unusual weather conditions would preent many of the members of the different lodges from attending, it was decided to turn the function into a social affair. After the regular meeting of New Hanover Lodge, this was done. Mr. S. A. Matthews acted as toastmaster, and appropriate and interesting addresses were made by former Mayor Joseph Smith, Mr. Marcus Jacobi and Mr. Thomas Hill.

DEATH OF MR. BARLOW

Aged Citizen of East Wilmington Passed Away Yesterday

Mr. E. F. Barlow, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the community, passed away at his home on Pauline avenue in East Wilmington at 6 o'clock yesterday morning after having been in failing health for a number of ears. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Barlow is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Barlow, and three sons, Messrs. L. A. H. F. and I. G. Barlow, all of Wilmington. He was a member of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, and of the LaFayette Masonic Lodge, of Jacksonville.

Funeral services will be conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. H. W. Koelling pastor of Pearsall Memorial church will conduct the services. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery with Masonic honors. The following will act as pallbearers; Honorary, Messrs. J. H. Watters, H. C. Blake, Oscar Pearsall, E. Mann, T. J. Gore, J. O. Brown; active, Messrs. Henderson Cole, J. Mercer Taylor, H. E. Longley, F. E. Koonce, S. M. Boatwright, D. K. LeGwin.

POLICEMAN ARRESTS COW

Jersey Milker Was Strolling Along at Front and Red Cross.

The policeman on duty at the Union station last night is a temperate man.

That is the reason that he dropped his night stick on the pet corn that he had raised from a kitten, when he saw a Jersey cow strolling along the street near Front and Red Cross about 9 o'clock last night. After he had ascertained the fact that Mrs. Mooley was a real flesh and blood specimen of the bovine family, the officer decided that it was too late for a young lady to be perambulating the streets unattended, so he "run her in."

And that is the reason why somebody's dehorned sookey will be missing when milking time comes this morning.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Twenty-Seven of the Alleged White Vagrants Have Cases Continued

With one exception, the trials of the 28 alleged keepers and inmates of houses of ill fame, who appeared before Recorder George Harriss yesterday morning, were continued until January 11. The exception was Etta Woolard, in whose case the State took a nol pros. The others were recognized until next Thursday.

Lillie May Roberston, colored, was taxed with $5 and costs for an assault with a deadly weapon. Peter Herring paid the costs for carrying a concealed weapon, and the charge of larceny against Joe Wheeler, colored, was changed to trespass, and he was permitted to pay the costs and depart.

BROTHERHOOD MEN LEAVE

Have Been In Conference With Mr. Albright, Several Days

After having been in conference with General Manager P. R. Albright, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, for several as, the delegations, representing the various railroad brotherhoods, have returned to their homes It is understod that a settlement satisfactory to both the corporation and the trainmen had been made.

In addtion to Capt. Warren Jones, of Wilmington, those who attended the conference on behalf of the brothhoods were: Messrs. E. P. Curtis, Crystal Lake, Tex., S. J. Brooks, Richmond Va., R. H. Lanter, Savannah, Ga., F. D. Howard, Waycross, Ga., D. M. Larisey, Charleston, S. C.

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TOPNOTCHERS HAVE BANQUET

Fifth Floor Men of Y. M. C. A. Have Enjoyable Affair at Building

The Topnotchers, as the organization of the men living on the fifth floor of the Y. M. C. A. are known, had a pleasant and enjoyable social and business meeting last night. Including guests from the other floors of the building, there were more than 30 men present at the affair which was featured by guitar selections by Mr. F. R. Tremaine and selections on the Victrola by Mr. Alfred H. Yopp. After the business meeting the men sat down to a banquet which was served under the expert direction of Messrs. Everett and Cavenaugh who had prepared a very appetizing menu.

Mr. J. L. Becton, president of the Topnotchers, acted as toastmaster for the occasion and called on a number of the guests for short speeches. Among those who spoke were C. C. Cashwell, Esq., an invited guest, General Secretary J. B. Huntington, and Messrs. Odis B. Hinnant, D. H. Howes, Jr., Newton Fisher and A. G. Wilder.

The monthly business and social meetings of the Topnotchers have proven such a splendid success in every particular that it is planned to have the men on the other floors of the association building form similar organizations.

BUSINESS BETTER IN GOLDSBORO

Houses Heretofore Unoccupied Are Being Filled Up

(Special Star Correspondence)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 5.—Many of the stores and other places of business, which remained unoccupied during the latter part of the past year, have been leased for business by both local and outside capital in this city, and the present outlook is that Goldsboro will enjoy great prosperity during the present year, while local merchants and other business men express themselves as being confident that 1917 will prove a record-breaker in all lines of business. Among other new enterprises started with the new year will be the operation of a new hotel, which will be under the management of Mr. D. S. Keithly, of Washington, D. C., who has purchased the Swinson Cafe, and will operate in connection with the cafe a modern and up-to-date hotel.

STRONG WEST WINDS

Will Prevail Today Along the Coast. Fair Weather.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A storm of marked intensity moving eastward from the St. Lawrence valley caused the Weather Bureau tonight to have storm warning displayed on the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville, Fla., to Eastport, Me. Strong west winds with fair weather will prevail along the coast tomorrow, the bureau announced.

COTTON MILL MEN TO MEET

N. C. Association to Hold Winter Session in Raleigh Jan. 18.

(Special Star Telegram)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 5.—The winter meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers Association, announced here today. held at Raleigh, January 18 at 11 a. m. Secretary Hudson C. Miller, of the Association announced here today.

BILL IS REPORTED.

River and Harbor Measure Carries $20,000,000 Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The annual River and Harbor bill carrying $29,000,000 for continuing old projects and $10,000,000 as initial appropriations for new work, was completed in committee today, and is ready to be reported to the House.

FREE GARDEN SEEDS

House Settles the Annual Fight in the Usual Way

Washington, Jan. 5.—By a vote of 44 to 73 the House settled today in the usual way the annual fight over the appropriation for distribution of free garden seeds. As adopted the appropriation carries $242,000.

SECRETARY TUMULTY DEMANDS THAT WOOD MAKE AN APOLOGY

Washington, Jan. 5.—When Secretary Tumulty learned that Representative Wood had mentioned his name he issued a formal statement demanding a public apology and denying flatly that he even knew of the President's peace note before it was made public.

"I have not been at the Biltmore in a year; never talked about peace Mr. Baruch before or after the peace note was sent, and never lunched with him in my life," Mr. Tumulty declared. "I think Mr. Wood owes me a public apology for mentioning my name at all merely on hearsay and rumor."

NEWLANDS COMMITTEE IS TO BE CONTINUED

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that the congressional investigation of railway transportation problems be not discontinued "until a full hearing is given to all of the many interests concerned."

"Industrial and business organizations generally were disturbed at the action of the House of Representatives in defeating the special rule for action on the resolution to continue the work of the committee," the statement asserted.

"Many business bodies have expressed themselves as favoring the continuance of this work of inquiry in the hope that a better system of railroad regulation may be worked out. It would be regarded as unfortunate if any political difference should be permitted to obstruct the work which the commercial interests of the country feel to be so vitally necessary."

SUNDAY SERVICES

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3:30. Special short services for prayer will be held every evening during the week in the Chadbourn building at 7:45. All members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Powell, pastor.—Services Sunday evening at 7:30, conduted by the pastor. Sunday school at 10:15 in the morning. Midweek prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. The public are earnestly invited to attend the services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor—Preaching Sunday morning at 11. Sabbath school at 3.30 in the afternoon. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:30 Joint service of Christian Endeavor at 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. W. H. Koelling, pastor.—Sunday school in the morning at 10:45. Preaching at 11:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 6:45 in the evening. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist-in-charge.—Sunday school at 9:30 in the morning. Preaching every fourth Sunday.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, corner Front and Queen streets, Rev. Thos. P. Allen, pastor-elect.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by Mr. Allen. Sabbath school at 3 in the afternoon. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Christian Endeavor rally Tuesday evening at 8, when all societies of the city will be invited to attend. Mr. Taylor will be speaker for the evening. Wednesday evening at 8 Bible study hour. Thursday evening at 8 Ladies Aid Society.

Fifth Avenue Methodist church, Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11, with Holy Communion, and in the evening at 7:30. The pastor will preach at both hours. Sunday school at 9:45 in the morning. Epworth League Tuesday evenng at 8. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Strangers and the public are invited to attend all services.

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. Jno. M. Wells, D. D., pastor—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8 by the pastor. Subjects: Morning, "Qualifications For Communion;" evening, "The Grace of Christ." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Christian Endeavor at 7 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Pews are free and all are cordially invited to attend all the services. The communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service.

—Standard Oil barge, No. 58, towed by the tug Security, arrived in port yesterday at noon with a cargo of oil, from Baton Rouge, la.

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Special Communication this (Saturday) afternoon. Masonic Temple 2:30 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, E. F. Barlow, a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 83, Jacksonville, N. C. All members and visiting brothers are invited to attend.

By order of the Master.

A. S. HOLDEN, Sec'y.

Masonic Temple, Jan. 6th, 1917.
WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319, A. F. & A. M.

Emergent Communication this (Saturday) evening at 3:00 P. M. for work in the Fellow Craft Degree. All members are requested to attend. Visiting Brothers are invited to meet with us. By order of the Master.

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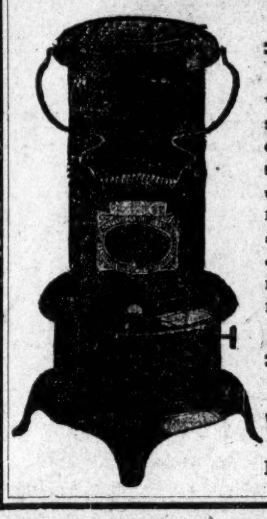

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MAKES FRESH GAINS

Market More Active and Prices Advance Sharply, Scoring Net Gain of 37 to 43 Points

New York, Jan. 5.—The cotton market was more active today with sharp advance in prices. May contracts selling up to 18.24 and closing at 18.23 The general list closed very steady at a net adance of 37 to 43 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 7 to 10 points in response to relatively firm cables and continued to improve on a broadening commission house demand, and renewed buying b yspot houses. Considerable attention was attracted by the arrival here of Southern newspapers containing advertisements urging Southern holders to demand still higher prices.

After advancing 35 to 40 points the market reacted 10 to 12 points, under realizing, but offerings were readily absorbed and prices reached the best point of the day in the late trading. January and October contracts were relatively firm, the former position selling up to 17.80 or 45 points above last night's closing figures, while later deliveries sold 38 to 41 points net higher. Closing prices were within a point or two of the best. While there was a better demand from outside sources, local brokers attributed the buying largely to spot houses.

Futures table:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Januray	17.30	17.80	17.50	17.79
March	17.15	17.98	17.65	17.97
May	17.90	18.24	17.90	18.23
July	17.95	18.28	17.95	18.27
October	16.85	17.16	16.85	17.13

Spot quiet; middling upland 17.90; sales 900 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.13; receipts 3,992; exports 8,819; sales 1,680; stock 490,111.

Galveston—Middling 17.80; receipts 7,023; exports 13,921; sales 825; stock 369,046.

Mobile—Middling 17.38; receipts 365; stock 21,308.

Savannah—Middling 18.25; receipts 1,029; stock 199,137.

Charleston—Middling 17.25; receipts 513; stock 68,763.

Wilmington—Receipts 19; stock 50,749.

Texas City—Receipts 4,509.

Norfolk—Middling 17.75; receipts 1,447; sales 166; stock 114,654.

Baltimore—Receipts 300; stock 8,776.

Boston—Middling 17.55; receipts 733; stock 9,534.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.15; receipts 100; stock 4,124.

New York—Middling 17.90; receipts 176; exports 6,781; stock 142,520.

Minor Ports—Receipts 12,447; exports 10,259; stock 45,311.

Atlanta (weekly)—Stock 82,811.

Note—Report incomplete; wire trouble.

Total today—Receipts 32,644; exports 39,780; stock 1,513,933.

Total for week—Receipts 155,601; exports 124,309.

Total for season—Receipts 5,044,490; exports 3,243,037.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 17.75; receipts 4,236; shipments 10,699; sales 1,222; stock 249,314.

Memphis—Middling 18.00; receipts 4,984; shipments 6,339; sales 125; stock 336,000.

Augusta—Middling 17.88; receipts 217; shipments 1,063; sales 253; stock 149,310.

St. Louis—Middling 18.00; receipts 2,904; shipments 2,985; stock 30,413.

Cincinnati—Receipts 25; shipments 233; stock 23,095.

Little Rock—Middling 17.63; receipts 197; shipments 1,817; sales 1,817; stock 49,147.

Dallas—Middling 17.35; sales 4,961.

Total today—Receipts 12,563; shipments 23,141; stock 837,279.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales:

In sight for week, 285.

In sight same seven days last year, 330.

In sight for the month, 236.

In sight same date last year, 209.

In sight for season, 9,136.

In sight same date last year, 7,834.

Port receipts for season, 5,044.

Port receipts same date last year, 4,368.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 836.

Overland same date last year, 632.

Southern mill takings for season, 2,405.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 1,912.

Interior stocks in excess of August 1st, 850.

Interior stocks last year, 923.

Foreign exports for week, 124.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 94.

Foreign exports for season, 3,243.

Foreign exports same date last year, 2,358.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 45.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 112.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 1,551.

Northern spinners' takings to same date last year, 1,528.

Statement of World's Visible Supply.

Total visible this week, 5,587.

Total visible last week, 5,640.

Total visible same date last year, 5,980.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,689.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 3,099.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,898.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 2,881.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Jan. 5.—Turpentine firm, 53½ to 54; sales 80; receipts 15; shipments 9; stock 23,179.

Rosin—Firm; sales 397; receipts 297; shipments 1,300; stock 76,800. Quote: A B C D E, 6.22½; F, 6.25; G, 6.25; H, 6.35; I, 6.45; K, 6.50; M, 6.70; N, 6.85; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.30.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Jan. 5.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 5.39; molasses 4.52; refined steady; fine granulated 6.75.

Coffee—Spot quiet; rio 7s, 10c; Santos 4s, 11c.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Steadier Tone Developed—May Contracts at 18.23—Japanese and German Buying Reported

New York, Jan. 5.—Weekly cotton: A steadier tone developed in the cotton market the past week on reports of an improving spot demand and continued steadiness in the interior. May contracts, which had sold at 17.36 before New Year's touched 18.24 today, and closed tonight at 18.23 compared with 16.45, the low level last month. The uncertainties of export conditions and international affairs have been regarded a restriction on general business but toward the close of the week there was a more favorable feeling as to peace prospects and some broadening commission house demand. The action of the British government, increasing the percentage of ocean freight room requisitioned for grain and munitions has been followed by very small offerings of tonnage, and the ocean freight rate from New York to Liverpool is now quoted nominal at $2.50 per 100 while war risks have remained firm.

Reports from Galveston have indicated a considerable demand from Japanese interests, while advices from New Orleans have foreshadowed increased exports to Havre and there have been renewed rumors of German buying for shipment after the end of the war. The relative firmness of October contracts, which are now selling within 120 points of July compared with a difference of 225 points at one time during the season, has been ascribed largely to buying by foreign trade interests against forward requirements.

Reports of a widespread advertising campaign in the South urging holders to demand full prices for remaining supplies have attracted considerable attention and much of today's buying was attributed to increase interest in the spot situation.

MARINE.

Arrived

Tug Security, towing Standard Oil Barge No. 58, Baton Rouge, Standard Oil Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,285 tons, Heilasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 3,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 54½; rosin, $5.60 and $5.55; tar $2.10-8½c; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	25
Tar	166
Crude Turpentine	8

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 5 casks; rosin, 6 barrels; tar, 71 barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17¾c.; same day last year, 11½c.

Receipts—119 bales; same day last year, 105 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 72,985 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 135,634 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Jan. 5, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—19 bales cotton; 138 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—100 bales cotton.

Schr. Mary Lee—25 barrels rosin; 28 barrels tar.

Total—119 bales cotton; 25 barrels rosin; 166 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Jan. 5.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 65c. to 70c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 20c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Jan. 5.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers' stock, fancy handpicked, $1.15; No. 1, machine, $1.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy handpicked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.30; Jumbos, $1.25 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 4.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market, steady, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4 1-2c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3½c. to 4c. per lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c.; Shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c.

New York, Jan. 5.—Drygoods: Cotton goods were steadier today, with gray goods a little more active and higher. Yarns were irregular. Wool markets were quiet but firm.

DEPRESS PRICES IN STOCKS

Professional Traders Take Advantage of Various Developments to Send Quotations Down

New York, Jan. 5.—Professional traders today availed themselves of various developments and complications to depress prices of leading stocks from 3 to 6 points on the stock market. Extensive short covering contributed to irregular and nominal rallies at the close. U. S. Steel was again the storm center, recording an extreme decline of 2 5-8 points at 109 3-8 a net loss of 1 1-2. Steel again furnished a prediminant share of the day's business.

Rails were inclined to advance until heavy selling in other quarters created general irregularity. Equipments and munitions kept pace with steel, Bethlehem Steel losing 15 points. Shipping shares were heavy to weak. Sugars also developed reactionary tendencies with Petroleums, Industrial Alcohol and Central Leather. Even Sloss Sheffield Steel, on which dividends were resumed at the rare of 6 per cent, failed to hold its early advance. Increased firmness in sterling and a further shading of marks were the only changes recorded in foreign remittances. Domestic money rates were unaltered.

Addition: l weakness in traction issues featured the irregular and narrow bond market. Total sales par value $5,040,000. United States 3s, advanced 1-8 per cent. and Panama 3s one per cent. on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	27
American Beet Sugar	34¾
American Can	48½
American Car & Foundry	66¼
American Cotton Oil	50⅜
American Locomotive	76½
American Smelting	106⅛
American Sugar	111
American Tel & Tel.	123⅛
American Tobacco	212
American Zinc	35⅞
Anaconda Copper	81½
Atchison	106⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	117½
Baldwin Locomotive	57½
Baltimore & Ohio	53½
Bethlehem Steel	495
Canadian Pacific	158
Central Leather	91¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	64⅝
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	91
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	32
Colorado Fuel & Iron	44
Consolidated Gas	131
Corn Products	22
Crucible Steel	62⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	51⅝
Erie	32⅞
General Electric	167
Great Northern pfd	116¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35⅝
Goodrich	57⅝
Illinois Central	105⅛
Inspiration Copper	57½
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	84½
International Nickel	41⅝
International Paper	44½
Kansas City Southern	25¼
Kennecott Copper	43⅞
Lehigh Valley	78½
Louisville & Nashville	132
Liggett & Myers	275
Lorillard Co.	222
Maxwell Motors	52
Mexican Petroleum	103¼
National Lead	49½
New York Central	103
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	51¼
Norfolk & Western	134½
Northern Pacific	110
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper	25⅝
Reading	101¼
Rep. Iron & Steel	78⅜
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line pfd	37⅜
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	66
Studebaker Corporation	106
Southern Pacific	97
Southern Railway	31¼
Southern Railway pfd	68⅝
Tennessee Copper w. i.	15
Texas Company	234½
Union Pacific	143¾
United Fruit	149
United States Rubber	62
United States Steel	110½
United States Steel pfd	119¾
Utah Copper	100
Virginia Caro. Chem.	42
Wabash pfd "B"	29½
Western Union	95¾
Westinghouse Electric	53½
Missouri Pacific w.i.	31½

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

New York, Jan. 5.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"While post-holiday quiet continues to characterize trade conditions, the pause is much less marked than in former years. Inventorying in commercial channels occupies considerable attention, but this task is being hastened and in industrial lines sustained activity in making up products is still the rule.

"Judging from the volume of spring orders received, the new year certainly has opened auspiciously. Talk of early peace in Europe has diminished and while high prices tend to encourage conservatism, it is well known that manufacturers have not been able to get up goods for stocks, tnd therefore, the country is well nigh barren of ready supplies.

"Weekly bank clearings, $5,679,176,000."

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Jan. 5.—Beeves, steady; steers 7.50 to 10.50; bulls 5.50 to 7.75; extra fed 8.80; cows 3.75 to 7.00.

Calves—Steady; veals 11.00 to 16.00; culls 9.00 to 10.00; barn yard calves 4.00 to 7.00; Indiana calves 7.00 to 10.00; yearlings 5.00 to 6.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep, ewes 6.00 to 8.50; culls 4.00 to 5.50, lambs 12.50 to 14.50.

Hogs—Market higher; medium to heavy 10.75 to 10.86; roughs 9.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Hogs, weak at a shade above yesterday's average; bulk 10.00 to 10.45; light 9.50 to 10.30; mixed 9.85 to 10.55; heavy 10.00 to 10.55; rough 10.00 to 10.15; pigs 7.60 to 9.40

Cattle—Strong; native beef cattle 7.50 to 11.80; western steers 7.35 to 10.00; stockers and feeders 5.35 to 8.50; cows and heifers 4.30 to 10.00; calves 9.00 to 12.35.

Sheep—Firm; wethers 9.25 to 10.50; ewes 6.75 to 10.00; lambs 11.40 to 13.75.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 5, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 63 degrees; at 8 P. M., 60 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees; mean, 63 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .24 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .43 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 4.2 feet.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Hoist southwest storm warning 10 A. M. Jacksonville to New York. Storm of marked intensity central over Ohio moving northeast.

Southerly gales this afternoon will shift to westerly tonight. Caution advised. Southeast warnings displayed on New England coast. BOWIE.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair and colder Saturday; Sunday probably fair.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 6, 1917.

Sun rises .....7:19 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:18 P. M.
Day's length.. .. .. .. .9 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:28	8:42	3:14	3:52
Southport	6:36	6:45	12:09	12:56
Masonboro Inlet	6:25	6:35	11:49	12:36

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

January 5, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	clear	60	34	.0
Asheville	rain	58	56	.40
Atlanta	cldy	64	62	.56
Augusta	cldy	70	60	.54
Birmingham	cldy	62	56	.46
Boston	rain	46	34	.48
Charleston	rain	68	58	.38
Charlotte	clear	64	56	.34
Chicago	clear	38	36	.32
Galveston	clear	62	56	.04
Jaxville	rain	74	62	.22
Memphis	clear	54	54	.80
Mobile	cldy	70	56	.22
Montgomery	cldy	66	56	.36
N. Orleans	clear	66	56	.12
New York	rain	50	40	.32
Oklahoma	clear	54	32	.0
Palestine	clear	58	44	.04
Pittsburg	rain	52	46	.84
Raleigh	cldy	66	54	.46
Savannah	cldy	74	60	.56
Shreveport	clear	58	44	.88
St. Louis	clear	46	36	.60
Washington	cldy	60	38	.04

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Jan. 5.—Peace talk, coupled with the bulge in cotton and hog products resulted in a substantial advance in cotton oil. Some reaction took place late in the day, under realizing sales, but the close was still 10 to 22 points above the previous days. Sales 28,500 barrels.

The market closed easier: Spot 13.20 bid; January 12.22 to 12.26; February 12.05 to 12.12; March 12.05 to 12.08 April 12.07 to 12.12; May 12.10 to 12.11; June 12.10 to 12.18; July 12.17 to 12.19; August 22.17 to 12.25.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Jan. 5.—Spot cotton firm; good middling 11.12; middling 10.96; low middling 10.80; sales 12,000 bales, 2,500 for speculation and export; receipts 11,100 bales.

Futures steady: January 10.77; January and February 10.77; February and March 10.80; March and April 10.84; April and May 10.86; May and June 10.88; June and July 10.87; July and August 10.86; August and September 10.61; September and October 10.35; October and November 10.20; November and December 10.12; December and January 10.07.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Jan. 5.—Mercantile paper 4. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71¼; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75¾; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 75⅝; Mexican dollars 58⅛; government bonds and railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans easy, 60 and 90 days 3¼ to 3½; six months 3½ to 3¾. Call money steady, ruling rate 2½.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 5.—John J. Barry, second baseman of the Boston Americans, tonight accepter the management of that team succeeding William Carrigan.

Report to the Corporation Commission of the Condition of THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY Wilmington, N. C.

at the close of business on December 27th, 1916.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts other than Demand Loans	$ 2,274,761.93
N. C. State Bonds	10,000.00
All other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	24,843.50
Banking House	50,000.00
Other Real Estate	2,300.00
Demand Loans	307,347.38
Cash (on hand and in banks)	344,714.04
Trust Investments	76,500.00
Total	$ 3,090,466.85

LIABILITIES:

Capital	$ 100,000.00
Surplus	200,000.00
Undivided Profits	82,939.23
Dividends Unpaid	71.50
Demand Certificates of Deposit	670,616.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	16,659.26
Savings Deposits	1,855,937.54
Due to National Banks	14,264.97
Accrued Interest Due Depositors	10,000.00
Building Reserve	41,000.00
Discounts Unearned	25,000.00
Trust Deposits	74,577.95
Total	$ 3,090,466.85

I, J. L. Williams, Cashier of the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5th day of January, A. D., 1917.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary.

Correct Attest:
N. B. RANKIN,
JNO. D. BELLAMY, JR.
J. V. GRAINGER.
Directors.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Jan. 8, 1917. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	!1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:16 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3,

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	!7:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	!9:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:36 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:45 P.M.	4:55 P.M.	5:06 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:45 P.M.	5:55 P.M.	6:06 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	!7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. !Leaves from Station No. 3

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE — This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

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Prices and Information on Application.

CLYDE LINE

TO NEW YORK AND GEORGETOWN, S. C.

New York to Wilmington.

Steamship Chippewa, Thurs., Jan. 4th
Steamship Cherokee, Mon., Jan. 15th

Wilmington to Georgetown.

Steamship Chippewa, Sat., Jan. 7th
Steamship Cherokee, Thurs., Jan. 18th

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$13.95—Atlanta, Ga.

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$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.

$24.55—Mobile, Ala.

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ATLANTA, GA $13.95
On sale January 31, Feb. 3, 10, 11 and 14th, limited returning midnight, Feb. 20th.

MOBILE, ALA $24.55
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd, limit extended to March 19th, on payment of $1.00.

TAMPA, FLA $22.45
On sale January 31st to Feb. 5th., inclusive, limited returning midnight, Feb. 20th; limit enxtended to March 3rd on payment $1.00.

PENSACOLA, FLA $23.45
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd; limit extended to March 19th, on payment $1.00.

NEW ORLEANS, LA $28.75
On sale Feb. 12 to 19th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, March 2

NET EARNINGS OF THE STATE PRISON $381,896

Showing Made for Four Years in Report to Legislature

Hearing Given by Commerce Commission on Petition For Better Rates From N. C. Points to the South—Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5.—The report by the board of directors of the State's Prison to Governor Craig for the Legislature, just filed, showing the operation of the institution the past four years and the assets and liabilities, shows cash and cash assets aggregating $261,618 on hand January 1 and credit due for labor donated by the General Assembly for highway construction in Henderson, Madison and McDowell counties and to the Statesville Air Line Railroad, $167,412, this giving a grand total of earnings, and assets of $428,930.

This administration received from its predecessors in cash and farm products that were converted into cash, $47,033. This would leave a total of $381,896 assets to the credit of the present management as net earnings for the Craig administration. There are reserved and not included in the assets more than 25,000 bushels of corn, 2,000 bushels of wheat and large quantities of oats, hay, soy beans and other products for the use of the farm during 1917, which would run the total far beyond $400,000.

Where Convicts Are.

The prison now has control of 900 convicts distributed, 138 at the Central prison, 462 on the State farm, 220 at Baden, 46 at Ridgecrest and 34 at Marshal. The report states that the prisoners withdrawn from work on the Elkin & Alleghany, the Watauga & Yadkin River and the Statesville Air Line some months ago for special contract work at Baden will be returned to these roads at once in accordance with the original decision of the Council of State when the change was made.

The report gives detailed statements of the work of the convicts at each of the camps named. These show that the Hickory Nut Gap work has cost the State in labor and maintenance of convicts $71,484; the work at the Marshal camp, $66,080; the Ridgecrest camp, $40,070. It is urged that the Legislature permit the management of the prison to apply surplus earnings for the next two years to providing suitable quarters for the convicts on the State farm, where the present houses for the prisoners are wholly inadequate and impossible of maintenance in sanitary condition.

Freight Rate Fight On.

Chairman E. L. Travis and Rate Expert Womble, of the Corporation Commission, spent today in Winston-Salem attending a hearing there before an examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as to the freight rates from Winston-Salem and other North Carolina points to shipping points to the souts of this State. The complaint is that the same rates are now applied that apply to shipments to the same points from Virginia cities. The hauls originating in North Carolina are much shorter and it is insisted that there should be proportionate reductions. As to this matter Governor Craig, in his message to the Legislature yesterday, insisted that North Carolina should have the advantage to which her geographical position entitles her.

"Peabody Day" in Schools

Programmes and suggestions for the observance of "Peabody Day" in the North Carolina public schools February 7 are being sent to all the counties and the superintendent of the municipal schools and county superintendents. Practically all the Southern states will have the "Peabody Day" observance.

The Tyrrell County Telephone Co. amends its charter to extend for sixty years the corporate existence.

Mrs. George A. Turner, mother of Miss Mary Turner, executive clerk to Governor Craig, died at her home here today, aged 70 years. Her husband died last Tuesday, both having contracted colds that developed pneumonia.

OFFICER WITH PRISONERS FOUND HIMSELF LOCKED UP IN BUILDING

So It Became Necessary to 'Phone For Someone With the Keys.

Policeman B. W. Jacobs wil examine the exits to the next building he enters in search of thieves. Yesterday afternoon the doughty officer saw two colored boys surreptitiously make their way into the Mathews Candy Factory, at Nutt and Hanover streets, by means of a pivot window on the second floor, which they reached by means of a shed adjoining.

Now this factory has been closed for some time, and that accounts for the boys seeking to make away with a few sweet bits in broad open daylight. Policeman Jacobs never stopped to consider how he was going to get out, but when he saw his quarry enter the building he was close on their heels.

He made his entrance and caught the largest of the boys, John Henry White, alias "Whiskey," but the smaller, James Carroll ,aged seven, was nowhere to be seen. After a diligent search, the officer decided that the wee criminal must be concealed in some crevice that was too small for him to search.

With this in view he called to some boys playing nearby, and deputized them to search for James. They found him tucked away in the entrance to a rat hole, snug as you please. With his prisoners in charge, Mr. Jacobs then prepared to leave the building and suddenly awoke to the fact that he couldn't.

If he went out ahead of the boys, they would refuse to come, and if he put them out first, they would make a get-a-way while he was climbing through the window. After due deliberation, the officer solved the problem by sending one the youngsters whom he had enlisted to aid him to 'phone for some one with the keys to come and let him out. This was done and the boys were landed in the police station.

ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE DOES IT

When your shoes pinch or your corns and bunions ache so that you are tired all over, get Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath. It will take the sting out of corns and bunions and give instant relief to Tired, Aching, Swollen, Tender feet. Over 100,000 packages are being used by the German and Allied troops at the front. Sold everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

COTTON GINNED IN STATE

Preliminary Report by Counties Announced by Director Sam L. Rogers of the Census Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1916 and 1915. The report was made public for the State generally on December 20 and included the amount ginned up to December 13. Quantities are in running bales, counting round as half bales, linters not included.

County	1916	1915
Alamance	561	421
Alexander	771	1,209
Anson	14,793	21,946
Beaufort	10,839	7,878
Bertie	11,186	8,796
Bladen	5,932	7,588
Cabarrus	6,949	11,086
Camden	3,659	2,539
Carteret	1,748	1,240
Catawba	3,928	5,757
Chatham	5,909	5,811
Chowan	5,816	3,433
Cleveland	11,872	19,892
Columbus	5,019	7,554
Craven	6,695	5,389
Cumberland	14,265	15,360
Davidson	1,047	1,403
Davie	1,242	1,210
Duplin	9,975	9,307
Durham	501	492
Edgecombe	26,879	23,155
Franklin	11,683	11,158
Gaston	4,347	8,168
Gates	4,605	3,134
Granville	1,233	1,005
Greene	9,915	10,118
Halifax	27,031	23,825
Harnett	16,793	15,332
Hartford	4,004	2,916
Hoke	7,752	10,612
Iredell	5,720	8,547
Johnston	33,419	33,669
Jones	5,267	5,407
Lee	4,823	5,178
Lenoir	12,121	10,572
Lincoln	3,164	5,282
Martin	9,016	7,982
Mecklenburg	14,152	23,262
Montgomery	3,047	3,915
Moore	1,868	2,663
Nash	23,228	22,279
Northampton	15,327	12,451
Onslow	5,260	4,881
Orange	1,019	830
Pamlico	5,364	5,199
Pasquotank	5,548	3,528
Pender	1,511	1,575
Perquimans	8,087	5,638
Pitt	22,692	21,973
Randolph	742	643
Richmond	8,695	13,255
Robeson	29,379	45,379
Rowan	4,801	6,075
Rutherford	5,741	8,433
Sampson	18,964	19,450
Scotland	16,658	25,349
Stanly	5,359	7,249
Tyrrell	1,280	824
Union	20,352	25,069
Vance	4,284	2,875
Wake	20,393	20,346
Warren	10,509	8,593
Washington	3,098	2,566
Wayne	28,033	25,412
Wilson	21,630	20,483
All Other	2,893	2,349
Totals	619,393	666,926

LETTER FROM 'A. CURTIS' GIVEN AS PRINCIPAL 'EVIDENCE' OF 'LEAK'

(Continued From Page One).

mation he had, if any, about the note.

Mentions Mr. Bolling.

"I have information, also," Representative Wood told the committee, "that an exchange firm here known as F. A. Connolly & Company, of which a Mr. Bolling, a brother of the President's wife, i s a member, engaged in profitable transactions during the recent flurry. Their dealings on the stock exchange were made t hrough Hutton & Company, of New York, reputed to be one of the largest speculative concerns in Wall Street."

Asked by Representative Henry for the source of his information, Mr. Wood said that ' 'most of it came from Mr. A. Curtis, a broker and stock dealer in Wall Street," who wrote t he witness a letter on the subject. The congressman later produced the letter.

"Where did you get your information about the Connolly firm and the Mr. Bolling you spoke of?" Representative Henry asked.

Wood Forgot the Source

"That has been a common rumor prevalent for several days," said Representative Wood. "I heard it from several sources but don't remember just where."

"What public position has Bernard Baruch?" asked Representative Campbell, ranking Republican of the committee.

"I understand he is a member of the Council of National Defense."

"Do you have memorandum as to the date of the alleged conference between Mr. Baruch and Secretary Tumulty at the Biltmore Hotel?" Mr. Campbell continued.

"I don't remember, but it is stated in this letter from Curtis."

"Of course you have no information as to what they talked about?"

"No, I have not."

Representative Harrison suggested that the witness should give dates of publication of the note and other details.

Mr. Wood replied that the crash in the stock market came, or rather culminated, on Thursday, December 21, and that the peace message had been released f or publication by the Associated Press at 12:05 o'clock that morning for morning paper of that day.

Representative Harrison tried to bring out that in the 48 hours between the time the peace note was forwarded and published information regarding it could have come back from the foreign powers to some of the embassies here. Mr. Wood said he had heard some intimation to that effect but could not say who told him.

No Political Influence.

"No political influence actuated you in introducing this resolution?" asked Mr. Harrison.

"I hope not. No, sir. These charges are infamous, the acts charged are infamous. If the charges are untrue, those against whom suspicion has been cast should be cleared of it."

Mr. Harrison referred to Secretary Lansing's conference with newspaper men on the morning of December 20 and explained that Secretary Lansing on that occasion asked the newspaper men to keep faith on what he told them and added that "the newspaper men kept the faith."

Secretary Lansing at that conference merely announced that a note had been dispatched, specifically said it did not concern peace, and refused to give further information on its contents.

Text of the Curtis Letter

The Curtis letter to Representative Wood follows:

"December 26, 1916.

"Hon. William R. Wood, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

"Dear sir: The Democratic majority of the House will not, I presume, permit the adoption of your resolution of inquiry, but it is a highly meritorious measure none the less, and if I can do so I want to help you.

"Bernard M. Baruch, of this city, unquestionably had the news of Secretary Lansing's note as early as Saturday, December 9. The note was dated December 11 and not dispatched until December 12."

(The official copies of the note are dated December 18. They were placed in the hands of news associations at 6 p. m. on the afternoon of December 20 and were released for publication in morning papers of December 21. Officials announced that the note had been transmitted to Europe on the cables in the early morning hours of December 19.)

"How Baruch got it, I am not prepared to say, but a gentleman of my acquaintance makes the positive statement that he saw Mr. Tumulty and Mr. Baruch breakfasting together at the Biltmore Hotel in this city on two or three occasions, co-incident with the pending of the note and its secret dispatch.

"That Baruch at this junction smashed the market heavily and in all directions admits of no doubt and can be easily demonstrated in this way:

"At his office, 111 Broadway, he has at system of private telephone lines to various brockerage houses. Before he has an opportunity to remove these wires, you must obtain a list of them. If he is compelled to supply you with a list, I would check it by obtaining an identical list from the New York Telephone Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, these being the companies that supply the wires. Having obtained this list you can obtain from all the brokerage houses connected thereby, a transcript of all orders executed for his account within the period in question. This investigation should cover not only his personal accounts but any secret account such as accounts carried by 'numbers' or any fictitious names, all of which, as the brokers' books will show, are controlled by him or guaranteed by him.

"If the brokers refuse this information, Congress has the power to compel it. The Stock Exchange also has the power to force its members to produce their books and accounts, and as the rules of the Stock Exchange are sufficiently broad and elastic to cover every departure from ethical business methods on the part of its members, an appeal to the governors of that institution will no doubt elicit the desired information. Many reputable members of the Exchange are anxious to assist you in running to earth this most unsavory scandal.

"There is a great deal more in this matter than you imagine and if you can once get your machinery in motion, I am in a position to say that you will be supplied with all the necessary information.

"Very truly yours,

"A. CURTIS".

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon.

Senator Works continued his valedictory speech, attacking the administration.

Adopted 47 to 17 Senator Jones' substitute for the Hitchcock resolution which endorsed President Wilson's request to the belligerents for peace terms without endorsing the peace note itself.

Considered nominations in executive session.

Adjourned at 6:21 p. m. to noon Saturday.

HOUSE.

Met at 11 a. m.

Resumed consideration agricultural appropriation bill.

Hearing on the reported "leak" in conection with President Wilson's peace note were begun before Rules committee.

Adjourned at 5:23 p. m. to 11 a. m. Saturday.

Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 5.—A Housewives' League was organized here yesterday, with 18 members. Mrs. N. A. Thompson was elected president, Mrs. John McAlister, vice president, and Mrs. E. L. Hollaway, secretary. High prices and servant problems were discussed but no action was taken on either.

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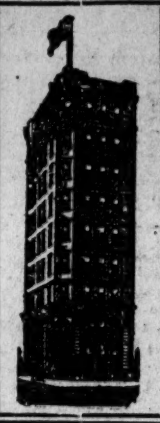

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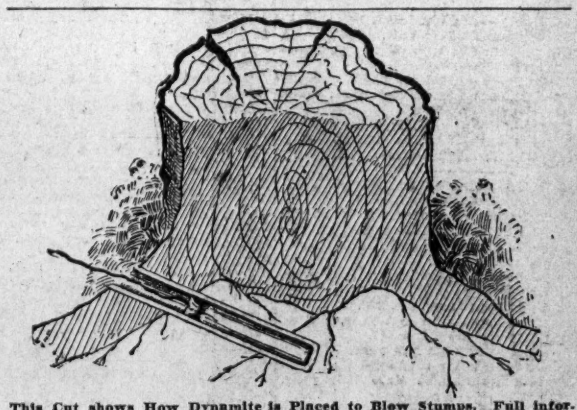

This Cut shows How Dynamite is Placed to Blow Stumps. Full information furnished for Ditching, Subsoiling and Stumping Land.

It builds a ditch as quick as the cartridges are placed and fired. Examine your land. Maybe it has a Hard Pan Underneath — If so, try breaking it with DuPont Farm Powder, and See the Difference in Your Next Crop on This Same Land.

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Deposits made with us on the above date begin to draw interest from January 1st.

The first of the year is a good time to start a Savings Account. You are cordially invited to open an account or add to the one already started.

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous 1917, we are

Yours respectfully,

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